



The Canadian **Donation and Transplantation** Research Program
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AGENDA | June 8, 2026

Time ET	DAY 1 JUNE 8, 2026	
Rooms	Presentation	Presenters
1:00-1:15	Welcome Remarks Land Acknowledgement	CDTRP PFD Platform Leadership: Sandra Holdsworth Lindsay Thompson Elder Darlene Arcand
1:15-1:35	Introduction to Digital Storytelling: Method of Engagement with Indigenous Persons with Lived Experience	Dr. Caroline Tait
1:35 - 1:55	Digital Storytelling Screening	Verna St. Denis, Donor Family Dr. Mike Moser, Transplant Surgeon Earl McKay, Lung waitlist Kim McKay, Caregiver
2:00 - 2:25	Digital Storytelling Discussion	Moderated by Dr. Caroline Tait
2:25 - 3:00	Conversations between an Donor Physician and a Donor Family: Approaching First Nations families to discuss organ donation	Dr. Sean Spence, ICU Physician Ramona Big Head, Donor Family
2:50 - 3:05	BREAK	
3:05 - 3:25	Digital Storytelling Screening	Ralph Harris, Lung transplant recipient Brenda Harris, Caregiver Wanda Neufeldt, Living Donor Demi Neufeldt, Kidney recipient
3:25 - 3:50	Digital Storytelling Discussion	Moderated by Dr. Caroline Tait
4:00 - 4:35	The Questions We Avoid: Trust, Transplantation, and First Nations Patient and Community Engagement	Ramona Big Head, Donor family Roberta Yellow Horn, Kidney recipient
4:35	Wrap Up	Sandra Holdsworth Lindsay Thompson



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AGENDA | June 9, 2026

Time ET	DAY 2 Tuesday June 9, 2026	
Rooms	Presentation	Speakers
11:00 - 11:15	Welcome Remarks Land Acknowledgement	CDTRP PFD Platform Leadership: Sandra Holdsworth Lindsay Thompson
11:15 - 12:15	Kidney Check in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities	Dr. Aminu Bello Elder Harley Crowshoe Lene Jorgensen Nicki Kirlin Aaron Russell Leta Philp
12:15 - 12:50	Hybrid Transplant Care as a Strategy for Equitable Access and System Resilience in Northern Indigenous Contexts	Dr. Anurag Singh
12:50 - 1:20	BREAK	
1:25 - 2:00	TBC	Jia Lin Carmen Carriere
2:00 - 3:00	Unlearning and Undoing Systemic White Supremacy and Indigenous- specific racism	Dr. Danièle Behn Smith Dr. Kate Jongbloed
3:00 - 3:35	Exploring Geographic Barriers to Health Care in Northern Communities	Dr. Veronica McKinney

Pathways for Partnership: Strengthening Patient and Community Engagement with Indigenous Communities.



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AGENDA | June 10, 2026

Time ET	DAY 3 Wednesday, June 10, 2026	
Rooms	Presentation	Speakers
11:00 - 11:15	Welcome Remarks Land Acknowledgement	CDTRP PFD Platform Leadership: Sandra Holdsworth Lindsay Thompson
11:15 - 12:00	Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Data Sovereignty at CIHI	Karennahawi McComber, Director, Indigenous Health and Joseph Emmanuel Amuah, Manager, Indigenous Health for their session:
12:00 - 12:35	Indigenous Engagement in Action: Lessons from IPERC and the Kidney Check Project	Tannyce Cook and Cathy Woods, Can-Solve CKD Network
12:35 - 1:10	Indigenous Kidney Health Project	Crystal Hardy, Ajmera Transplant Cente
12:35 - 1:10	BREAK	
1:25 - 2:00	Network Environments for Indigenous Health Research	Dr. Robert Henry, NEIHR
2:00 - 2:35	Developing a Chronic Kidney Disease Framework: Patient and Community Engagement with Indigenous Partners	Carrie Thibodeau, Kidney Foundation of Canada
2:35	Closing of Forum	CDTRP PFD Platform Leadership: Sandra Holdsworth Lindsay Thompson Elder Darlene Arcand

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