

Elgin OHT Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the Elgin Ontario Health Team serves communities located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lenape, and Attawandaron peoples, who have longstanding relationships to this land and continue to care for it today. We recognize the enduring presence, knowledge, histories, and contributions of Indigenous peoples throughout this region.

We acknowledge that the land we live and work on is covered by treaties and agreements that continue to shape our shared responsibilities and relationships. This acknowledgement is not only about recognizing the past, but about our ongoing responsibility to advance truth, reconciliation, equity, and respectful partnership in the work we do together.

As healthcare partners, providers, and community members, we recognize our role in creating systems of care that are culturally safer, more inclusive, and grounded in respect, humility, and relationship-building. We commit to listening to Indigenous voices, supporting Indigenous leadership, and working toward equitable access to care and wellness for all communities.

We also recognize that stewardship of the land and stewardship of community health are deeply connected. As individuals, we can contribute by taking the time to learn about the history of this land and the Indigenous communities connected to it, listening to and uplifting Indigenous voices and experiences, and caring for the waterways, green spaces, and natural environments that sustain our communities. We can also reflect on the impact our daily actions have on community wellbeing and work toward building relationships rooted in respect, reciprocity, accountability, and inclusion.

We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, learn, and provide care on this land, and we commit ourselves to ongoing reflection, learning, and action in support of reconciliation and collective wellbeing.

