

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CANADIAN MEDICATION APPROPRIATENESS
AND DEPRESCRIBING NETWORK'S 2023 NATIONAL MEETING**

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We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are gathering today on unceded Indigenous lands. Both the **Haudenosaunee** and **Anishinaabeg** Confederacies have long ties to what we know as the Island of Montréal. The **Kanien'kehá:ka** or Mohawk Nation is recognized as the custodians of the lands and waters on which we gather today. Today, this land is home to a diverse population of Indigenous and other peoples.

The Canadian Medication Appropriateness and Deprescribing Network honours the traditional territories upon which our directorship, staff, members, and partners live and work, from coast to coast to coast. We recognize that the lands we are privileged to call home and which enable the health of our communities are by and large unceded, and that mistakes made throughout our colonial history have caused profound harm to their original stewards: the Indigenous peoples of Canada.

The privileges we enjoy as we live on these lands are innumerable.

Since CADeN was inaugurated in 2015, we have largely focused our medication appropriateness efforts on settler communities. This year, CADeN is taking action towards contributing to the collective work of achieving practical implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action on health. Our network recognizes that we have a responsibility to acknowledge, respect, and reconcile relationships with Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island.

Our first step in actualizing this commitment has been to bring together a Decolonization & Indigenization Working Group, the members of which are collaborating to build a report on *how* the network can begin the work of decolonization and Indigenization. An early priority of this project will be to have conversations, learn from, and build relationships with Indigenous communities across Canada.

We need CADeN Committee Members' help with this work. This morning, while we are meeting in committees, we would like to ask our members to reflect on how their committee's strategic action plans can contribute to supporting Indigenous health and reconciliation.