



Media Release

Wounds Canada, Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council and Indigenous Services Canada deliver skin health and wound management resources for Indigenous-oriented home care in Alberta

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Wounds Canada has joined with the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council (KTC) to develop a set of resources focused on skin health and wound management in Indigenous-oriented home care in Alberta. Developed with funding from Indigenous Services Canada, the set of resources was the result of a need identified by First Nation Home and Community Care staff directly providing services in First Nation communities.

"We are excited to be a part of the groundbreaking partnership between KTC, Indigenous Services Canada, and Wounds Canada. This collaboration has resulted in the development of comprehensive skin health and wound care resources specifically tailored for First Nations communities in Alberta. Before this initiative, our dedicated nurses had to spend a significant amount of time researching and navigating various, often outdated, resources to address skin health and wound care. However, with the introduction of these First Nations-specific resources, we are not only improving the quality of care provided to First Nations communities in Alberta, but also freeing up valuable time for our nurses to attend to the needs of their clients," said Sandra Lamouche, Director of Health for KTC.

"These comprehensive best-practice-based resources, ranging from Product Pickers and Professional Guides for Care to posters, have been developed and reviewed by clinical, education and communication experts and are focused on Indigenous populations particularly in the region of Alberta," stated Dr. Janet L. Kuhnke, Evaluation and Knowledge Translation Specialist, Wounds Canada.

To support their intended audience, they have been customized to reflect the needs and available resources in the province, including in major and minor centres and remote areas.

"We hope these new resources will serve the Indigenous community in Alberta well, particularly as there is a lack of available material related to wound prevention and management. In the future, we seek to replicate this exercise in other provinces, bringing much-needed information to where it can add the most value," said Sue Rosenthal, Strategic Advisor, Wounds Canada.

“The creation of these wound care resources will provide the health-care workers in the remote communities with direct electronic access to current and up-to-date procedures, available products and supports,” added Lamouche.

“This is a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to advancing health-care services for our First Nations communities. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Indigenous Services Canada Alberta Region and Wounds Canada for their dedication to improving the well-being of our communities. By providing culturally tailored and accessible resources, we empower our First Nations to deliver more effective and efficient care,” she continued.

“We look forward to the positive impact that these wound care resources will have on the lives of our community members, and we extend our gratitude to all those who have contributed to this initiative.”

All resources are free to download and are available [here](#).

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About Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council

“United, we assert our collective rights; honoring our past while building a ‘ka miyopayihk’ (prosperous) future.”

The Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council is comprised of the member Nations of Loon River First Nation – #476, Lubicon Lake Band – #453, Peerless Trout First Nation – #478, Whitefish Lake First Nation – #459 and Woodland Cree First Nation – #474. It was formed in 1995 to facilitate joint action by the member Nations on matters of mutual concern.

While there are many similarities between the five KTC member Nations, each has its own unique character and features. All are surrounded by warmth and beauty rich with the culture and traditions of the Cree people.

The primary role of the Tribal Council is to provide guidance and support to the individual member First Nations in developing and achieving success in the management and administration of their own programs with the intent of developing self-reliance.

KTC Health Administration is designed in a supportive manner around its member Nations. The primary intent of KTC Health is to provide internal support and expertise by offering confidential advice, recommendations, and guidance on an ongoing basis to build capacity within its member Nations. They also work on monitoring and analyzing needs in order to recommend best practices and advantageous opportunities for providing the highest level of health service delivery.

Visit www.keetaskeenow.ca to learn more about KTC Health's Programs & Services.

About Wounds Canada

Wounds Canada, a health charity founded in 1995, leads the way in advocating for best practices in wound prevention and management. We address the silent crisis of wounds, which affects countless Canadians and costs our health-care systems billions each year. We specialize in providing essential wound-related information, aiming to reduce the occurrence of life-altering wounds and ensure those affected by wounds receive adequate care.

Our mission extends beyond individual health. We strive to mitigate wounds' wider impact on families, communities and our health systems. By offering resources, advocacy, education and events, we support diverse networks of patients, families, health-care professionals, researchers, policy makers and sector leaders across the country.

Visit www.woundscanada.ca to learn more about Wounds Canada and our commitment to enhancing Canadians' quality of life.