

Telling the stories of Indigenous Cancer Patient Multidisciplinary Rounds (ICPMR)

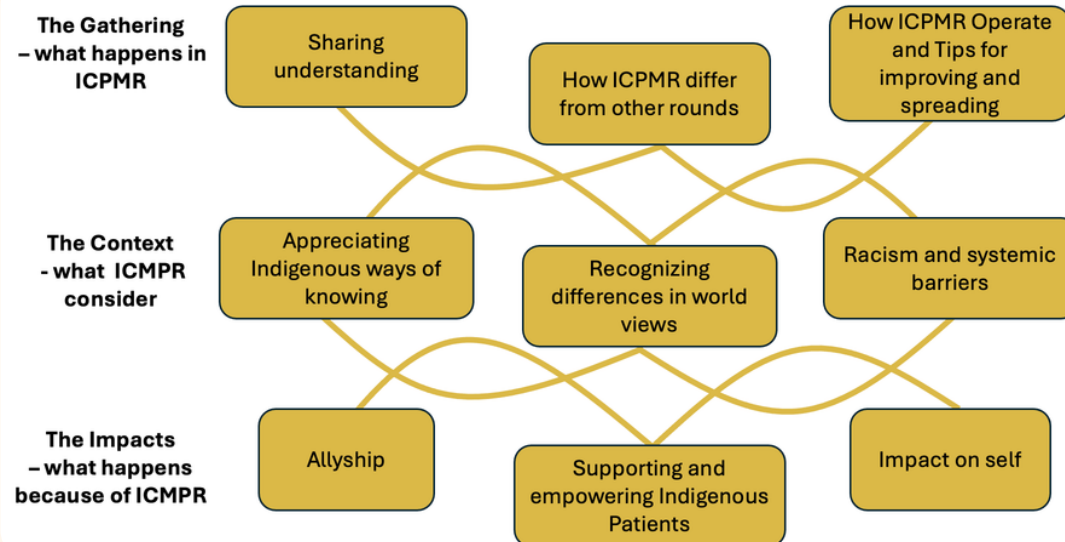
Sharing the impacts from attendees' perspectives

What are ICPMR? These rounds bring together Indigenous Elders, and cancer centre and community care practitioners across multiple disciplines and sectors to discuss wholistic care of Indigenous patients with cancer facing complex barriers.

What did our project do?

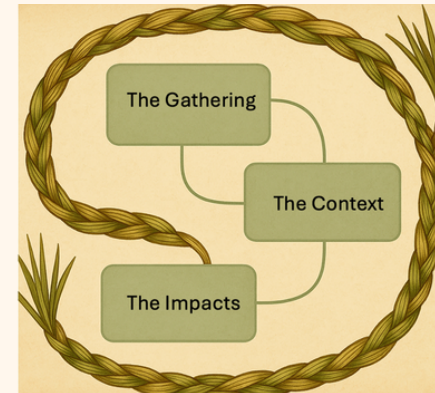
Our collaborative of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous scholars and clinicians used qualitative interviews, grounded in Indigenous Ways of Knowing, to hear and interpret attendees experiences of ICPMR.

What did we find?



Nine Interwoven subthemes within three main strands

Summary ICPMR support practitioners to collectively improve care of Indigenous patients, and address systemic barriers. This model may be useful to other groups addressing health inequities.



The findings represented as braided sweetgrass

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The Gathering "It allows us to come together and discuss the patient. Some of us work in the cancer clinic. Some of us work in the community. Some of us work rurally. Some of us work specific to palliative care. Just bringing all of us together to discuss what we can do best for this patient."

The Context "I've come to appreciate more of the connection with the land, with the extended family and community and the barriers and obstacles that people who are indigenous and more marginalized, and what might make it harder to come for cancer care. So, I have a bigger appreciation of that, and therefore the need for a group like this, I think is very important."

The Impacts "The most important thing was that we could actually promote and advocate that the person gets the care that they should get in a timely fashion and that we could also argue against barriers that shouldn't be in place. So again, one, to bring community together, two, to make sure that people learn from each other, and three, to advocate and to push forward a person's ability to be treated more equitably."

