The Climate and Health Nexus: Indigenous Planetary Health

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Lecture Description: A range of anthropogenic global environmental changes are contributing to an increasing global disease burden. Since human health and well-being are intimately associated with the health of our planet, health professionals and health systems will not only be charged with caring for this expanding disease burden, but will also need to become more environmentally sustainable in practice. This presentation will discuss Indigenous perspectives on planetary health and greater sustainability movements through a transdisciplinary lens.

Dr. Nicole Redvers, ND, MPH, is a member of the Deninu K’ue First Nation in Denendeh and has worked with Indigenous patients, scholars, and communities around the globe her entire career. She is an assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine-Indians into Medicine (INMED) at the University of North Dakota where she helped develop and launch the first Indigenous health PhD program. Dr. Redvers is co-founder and current board chair of the Canadian charity Arctic Indigenous Wellness Foundation based in Yellowknife, NWT, providing traditional Indigenous-rooted Land-based wellness supports to northerners. She has been actively involved at regional, national and international levels promoting the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives in both human and planetary health research and practice. She is author of the trade paperback book titled, ‘The Science of the Sacred: Bridging Global Indigenous Medicine Systems and Modern Scientific Principles’.

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