

Equity and Indigenous Health Award 2023

Nomination Form

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

The CQCO Quality and Innovation (QI) Awards 2023 welcome nominations from any program or initiative that provides cancer prevention activities or cares for people being treated for or living with cancer in Ontario.

The *Equity and Indigenous Health Awards* are presented to **two (2)** programs or initiatives that best demonstrate the following criteria based on Ontario Health's [Equity, Inclusion, Diversity and Anti-Racism Framework](#) which includes:

- Reduction in health disparities for patients, families, and providers
- Partnership with:
 - First Nations, Inuit, Métis and urban Indigenous communities and leadership that demonstrates a commitment to Reconciliation, the promotion of self-determination, and to identify, design, and deliver health services that meet the needs of Indigenous communities; or
 - Black and/or other equity-deserving communities to identify, design, and deliver health services that meet the equity needs of the communities served
- Use of data for planning, development, and evaluation related to equity or Indigenous health
- Long-term sustainability and opportunity for expansion

The *Equity and Indigenous Health Award* nomination must show measurable evidence of how the initiative improved outcomes.

Upon preliminary review of your nomination, we may recommend that your submission be considered for a different award category.

Glossary of Key Terms

The Framework defines diversity, equity and health disparities as follows:

Diversity

The range of visible and invisible qualities, experiences and identities that shape who we are, how we think, how we engage with and how we are perceived by the world. These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age, physical or mental abilities, religious or spiritual beliefs, or political ideologies. They can also include differences such as personality, style, capabilities, and thought or perspectives.

Equity

Unlike the notion of equality, equity is not about sameness of treatment. It denotes fairness and justice in process and in results. Equitable outcomes often require differential treatment and resource redistribution to achieve a level playing field among all individuals and communities. This requires recognizing and addressing barriers to opportunities for all to thrive in our society.

Health Disparities

Differences in health access, experience or outcomes in a way that is systematic, patterned, and preventable.

Project Details and Contact Information

Name of initiative, project, or program:

Organization:

Year initiative was developed:

Name(s) of initiative team member(s):

Name and email of primary contact person:

Your name (if different from above):

Has the initiative been submitted for the QI Awards in previous years? If so, which year(s)?

Note: You must let the nominees know that you are submitting the nomination on their behalf. By allowing themselves to be nominated, the nominees acknowledge and agree that – if they are selected for the award – their names and initiative will appear on the [Cancer Quality Council of Ontario](#) website. We will also feature winners on social media platforms.

Equity and Patient Experience

1. The Equity and Indigenous Health Awards are presented to the **two (2)** programs or initiatives that best demonstrate the criteria in Ontario Health's [Equity, Inclusion, Diversity and Anti-Racism Framework](#). **Of the following, select all that are relevant to the initiative being nominated:**

Reduction in health disparities for patients, families, and providers

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- Partnership with First Nations, Inuit, Métis and urban Indigenous communities and leadership to identify, design, and deliver health services that meet the needs of the communities served
 - Partnership with Black and/or other equity-deserving groups to identify, design, and deliver health services that meet the needs of the communities served
 - Use of data for planning, development, and evaluation related to equity or Indigenous health
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2. The QI Awards recognize and encourage initiatives that improve the patient experience along the cancer care continuum, from prevention to survivorship or end-of-life care. **From the following list of stages of the care continuum, select all that are relevant to the initiative being nominated:**

- Prevention
- Screening
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Survivorship Care
- Palliative Care (including End-of-Life Care)

Background Information

1. Provide a summary of the initiative and why it should be considered for the Equity and Indigenous Health Award.

Please include:

- What were the health disparities that led to the implementation of the initiative?
- When and how was it implemented? How long was the process?
- Using data, explain how the initiative reduces health disparities. (500 words)

Outcomes

2. Describe how the initiative measures improved access, experience or outcomes for patients, families, and providers. (250 words)

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3. Describe how the initiative partners with First Nations, Inuit, Métis and urban Indigenous communities and leadership to identify, design, and deliver health services that meet the needs of the communities served. (250 words)

4. Describe how the initiative partners with Black and/or other equity-deserving groups to identify, design, and deliver health services that meet the equity needs of the communities served. (250 words)

5. Describe how the initiative demonstrates evidence of long-term sustainability and opportunity for expansion. (250 words)

Submitting Nomination

Please send the completed nomination form along with any supporting documents of no more than 5 pages to cqco@ontariohealth.ca.

To see previous award recipients, visit www.cqco.ca/en/quality-innovation-awards.

****You will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation, your submission may have exceeded the allowable limit of 10 MB. ****