

Inspiring Women Among Us presents:

Indigenous Women: Issues with Access to Cervical Health Care Services



Video and Panel Presentation



Dr. Unjali Malhotra is a Family Physician with extensive training and expertise in Women's Health. She grew up in Prince Albert Saskatchewan. She graduated from Family Medicine in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and went on to create and complete the Women's Health fellowship program at the University of Manitoba. She then worked at the Bay Centre for Birth Control at the Women's College Hospital in Toronto and assisted in the creation and improvement of women's clinics throughout Ontario.

She moved to Vancouver in 2008 to become the Medical Director of Options for Sexual Health British Columbia where she created advocacy programs, educational programs for physicians and nursing as well as a provincial HPV program. She is affiliated with BC Women's Hospital, and is a Clinical Assistant Professor at UBC. She is the creator and supervisor of a Women's Health training program for family practice residents at UBC. She is the Founder and Program Director of the UBC Women's Health Residency Program.

Dr Malhotra is a Certified Menopause Practitioner through the internationally accredited organization, The North American Menopause Society; she also sits on the NAMS educational committee. She is affiliated with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She is the Medical Director, Women's Health at the First Nations Health Authority.

Marion Erickson is an Indigenous feminist and Dakelh woman from the Lhts'umusyoo Clan from the community of Nak'azdli. Marion is currently an undergraduate student in the Public Administration and Community Development program. Marion completed an Applied Business Technology Certificate at the College of New Caledonia and served as the Women's Representative for the CNC Students Union.

Marion has served her community as a Traditional Knowledge researcher with Nak'azdli as well the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance. Marion Also served on the Nak'azdli Trust Development Committee. Marion also worked on research regarding Nak'azdli's Exit from the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council as well as a researcher for the Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Education with Dr. Rihanna Robinson. Marion worked with the Northern Women's Centre on the Highway of Tears Awareness Campaign in 2017.

In the Summer of 2017 Marion worked with the First Nations Health Authority to develop a public awareness campaign on cervical health issues and awareness. ~ "It was my hope that this video would be an insightful resource for non-Indigenous healthcare providers in helping to understand Indigenous women's trauma and how trauma can impact our health outcomes. Culturally-informed care needs to begin right from the medical school classroom to the emergency room, to the physician's office. ~

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