

Considerations for Integrating Traditional Healing Practices into EMR Systems

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Meaningful Engagement

- Collaborate with Indigenous Primary Health Care Teams & Traditional Wellness Practitioners for insight
- Ensure indicators are relevant, respectful and reflective of traditional healing practices

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Cultural Safety Training

- Require health care professionals to undergo cultural safety training
- Focus on understanding Traditional Healing Practices and integrating cultural considerations into patient care

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Incorporation of Traditional Healing Modalities

- Include specific EMR fields of documenting Traditional Healing practices
- Document cultural activities/ceremonies provided including land-based programs, healing circles, and consultations with Traditional Healing Team

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Respect for Privacy and Confidentiality

- Adhere to strict privacy standards in EMR Systems
- Respect client preferences regarding sharing sensitive traditional healing information

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Standardization and Consistency

- Develop standardized terminology and codes for traditional healing practices in EMR
- Promote consistency and facilitate research evaluation

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Integration with Western Medicine

- Enable interoperability between traditional healing and conventional medical records
- Provide a comprehensive view of patient health and treatment history

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Client-Centered Approach

- Design EMR indicators with a focus on client preferences
- Allow patients to disclose and integrate traditional healing practices in their health care plan

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Education and Support for Users

- Provide ongoing education for health care providers on EMR indicators for traditional healing
- Train on documentation, interpretation and utilization of traditional healing information.

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Evaluation and Feedback Mechanisms

- Implement mechanism to evaluate impact and effectiveness
- Solicit feedback from Indigenous communities, health care providers and clients

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Policy and Governance

- Establish clear policies and governance structures for traditional healing indicators
- Align with Indigenous health strategies, regulatory requirements and ethical standards