



**PULMONARY HYPERTENSION
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

**L'ASSOCIATION D'HYPERTENSION
PULMONAIRE DU CANADA**

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

INDIGENOUS PH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Indigenous PH Advisory Council serves as a collaborative body of Indigenous individuals with lived experience, knowledge, and expertise related to pulmonary hypertension (PH). Council members will provide guidance to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association of Canada (PHA Canada) to ensure programs, services, and advocacy efforts are culturally appropriate, inclusive, and effective for Indigenous communities across Canada. The Advisory Council exists to amplify Indigenous voices within the PH community, identify unique challenges faced by Indigenous PH patients and caregivers, and help shape solutions that respect Indigenous knowledge, traditions, and healing practices while improving healthcare outcomes.

Roles & Responsibilities

Advisory Guidance

- Share personal and community experiences related to PH care
- Identify barriers, gaps, and opportunities for improvement in PH care for Indigenous communities
- Review and provide feedback on PHA Canada materials and initiatives

Community Connection

- Help build bridges between PHA Canada and Indigenous communities, organizations, and healthcare providers
- Support the identification of potential partnership opportunities
- Suggest appropriate outreach and engagement approaches

Cultural Guidance

- Provide insight on cultural protocols and practices
- Advise on cultural safety in healthcare delivery
- Guide decolonization efforts within PH education, support, and care models

Education & Awareness

- Help develop culturally appropriate educational resources
- Identify effective communication channels for Indigenous communities
- Support awareness efforts about PH within Indigenous contexts



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Requirements

We are seeking the following individuals to join the council:

- Persons living with PH
 - Caregivers/care partners or a close family member/friend of someone living with PH
 - An Indigenous healthcare provider
 - An Indigenous community health advocate
 - An Elder or knowledge keeper (when appropriate)
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- Self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit)
 - Members should collectively represent various regions, Nations, and communities across Canada
 - Members should represent both urban and rural Indigenous communities to ensure diverse geographic and cultural perspectives

Time Commitment

- **Two-year commitment** to the council to ensure continuity and knowledge retention
- Dedicate 3-5 hours per month to attend virtual meetings (with occasional in-person opportunities if feasible) and occasional document review and feedback
- Additional time as needed for preparation, feedback, or project-related contributions

Support & Training

- Participate in orientation session on PHA Canada and pulmonary hypertension (one-time, approximately 1 hour)
- Technical support for virtual participation
- Cultural and ceremonial support as appropriate

Honorarium

- Council members will receive an honorarium of \$25.00 per hour for their time spent attending monthly virtual meetings and any other required training sessions.

To apply, please fill out the [online application form](#)