

Please consider voluntary self-identification if you identify as having an Indigenous Ancestry.

First Nations (Status / Non-Status):

First Nation refers to Canada's original people.

Status refers to people registered under the Indian Act who identify with a First Nation community ancestral land.

Non-Status refers to people who identify with a First Nation community ancestral land but are not registered under the Indian Act.

Métis:

The Métis Nation is comprised of descendants of people who were born of relations between First Nations women and European Men. The initial offspring of these unions were of mixed ancestry.

Inuit:

"Inuit" means, "the People" in Inuktitut and generally refers to Canada's original people whose homeland is the Canadian Arctic which includes portions of the three Territories: Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, in addition to Northern Quebec and Northern Labrador.

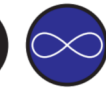
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Are you
Indigenous?
(First Nations, Métis, Inuit)



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Self - Identification for
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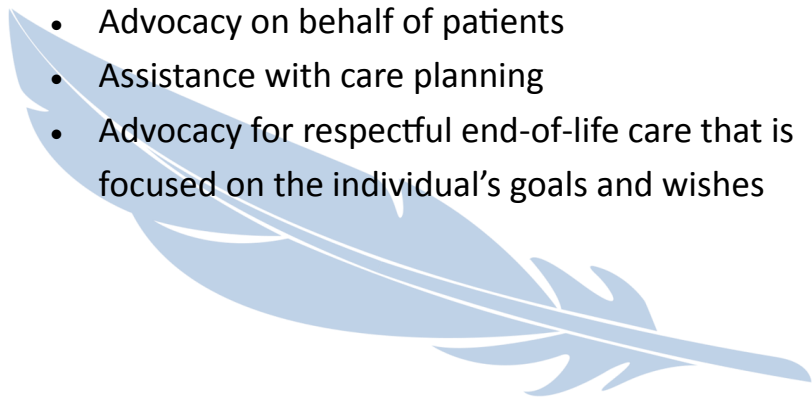
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Patients and Family Members

The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre uses a voluntary self-identification process at registration. All patients who identify as having Indigenous Ancestry will have the opportunity to self-identify when accessing cancer care and family support.

The Benefits for patients include:

- Referral to Indigenous Patient Navigation services
- Access to culturally relevant support
- Help to access health care and services at home
- Coordination of community resources and healing supports
- Counselling and support before, during and after clinical appointments
- Liaison/ support between the care team, patients and families
- Advocacy on behalf of patients
- Assistance with care planning
- Advocacy for respectful end-of-life care that is focused on the individual's goals and wishes



Why Self-Identify?

In order to better serve the First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) population, we have developed the self-identification program. Our goals with this program are to:

1. Provide extra support to patients and families through the Indigenous Patient Navigator
2. Reduce gaps in service and remove barriers to accessing equitable health care
3. Identify health trends and common needs among the Indigenous population

Respect for privacy and confidentiality:

The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre in accordance with the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA):

- Will only use or disclose your personal health information for the purposes of providing care
- Adheres to best practices to protect your personal information from unauthorized access, use or disclosure
- The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre is committed to maintaining the highest privacy and confidentiality when it comes to patient care

The information collected will be used for the sole purpose of providing the best possible care to you as a patient.