



Diagnostic Accreditation Program

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

Indigenous Cultural Safety,  
Cultural Humility and Anti-  
Racism

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## Introduction

The purpose of this standard is to set out clear expectations for the provision of culturally safe and anti-racist care for Indigenous patients in health-care facilities accredited by the Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) and the Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation Program (NHMSFAP). It is based on the *d V V c a Vcd V b aa c c a ab* practice standard.

In Canada, and for the purposes of this standard, "Indigenous" refers to all people who identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit.

The College's definitions for cultural safety, cultural humility and anti-racism are as follows:

**Cultural safety:** A culturally safe environment is physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually safe. There is recognition of, and respect for, the cultural identities of others, without challenge or denial of an individual's identity, who they are, or what they need. Culturally unsafe environments diminish, demean, or disempower the cultural identity and well-being of an individual.

**Cultural humility:** A lifelong process of self-reflection and self





No.	Description	Change
ICS1.1.5	<p>Staff and physicians ensure safe health care for Indigenous patients that includes holistic care, respect and empathy.</p> <p>a c V d a a V dc a V V c a Vcd gV dc g a bVc Vb d æc                      gaa c cW c g aac Vc V od d æ dgd V c a Vcd                      a o V c g aV VV UV c æodVbVc d b a c                      db b ca cW V c Vi V V</p>	New



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