



# HEALTH EXPO 2003

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

## TRADE SHOW GUIDE

Twenty-five years of effort by local, provincial and national health caregivers has improved the status Aboriginal health from the lows to which it sank by mid-century. However, the results still fall far short of the goal of equal health outcomes for all Canadians.

It is time to bring together all of the players in the Aboriginal health industry – from health Ministers to community health professionals – to provide a forum for open, constructive discussion. What are the challenges, the opportunities for improvement in efficiencies, and cost savings? Who needs to be involved to effect uniform and constructive change? It is also time to examine leading-edge telehealth and advancing technologies that can provide enormous convenience and cost-savings to the many remote Aboriginal communities. It is also time to examine how the private sector can become usefully engaged in improving the health care system for Aboriginal people in Canada.

With the dynamic and rapidly growing Aboriginal population, the time is now to be a part of the new era in health care for Aboriginal Canada.

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