

# Rehabilitation Oncology in Alberta: Access, Approach, and Support for Indigenous Communities

November 5, 2025

1:30-2:30pm MT

This session will introduce Cancer Care Alberta's Rehabilitation Oncology Program, which provides in-person and virtual support for individuals with cancer-related rehab needs. We'll cover referral pathways, service locations, timelines, team roles, and common concerns we address. Special attention will be given to care of Indigenous peoples with cancer – including access to home care, equipment (such as on-reserve loan programs), and NIHB coverage – and how we can work together to make rehab services more accessible and culturally meaningful.



## Learning Outcomes:

- Describe the purpose and scope of Cancer Care Alberta's Rehabilitation Program, both in-person and virtual services
- Recognize common rehabilitation concerns experienced by individuals with cancer
- Explain the roles of different team members involved in delivering cancer rehabilitation services
- Identify appropriate referral pathways, service locations, and expected timelines for rehabilitation support
- Discuss the unique barriers and opportunities Indigenous people may face in accessing rehabilitation services, including home care, equipment access (e.g., on-reserve loan programs), and NIHB coverage
- Explore strategies to improve accessibility and cultural relevance of rehabilitation services for Indigenous communities

## Speakers:

**Mary McEwan** - PT, Rehab Team Lead, Arthur Child Cancer Centre, Cancer Care Alberta. In her role, Mary supports PT, OT, SLP, Recreation Therapy, and Therapy Assistants across both in-patient and out-patient oncology programs. She has over a decade of experience in acute care. Her recent work has focused on integrating rehabilitation into cancer care and expanding access to services across Alberta.

**Hanh Chau** - OT, CLT, Occupational Therapist, Rehabilitation Oncology, Arthur Child Cancer Centre, Cancer Care Alberta. Hanh brings many years of clinical expertise supporting patients through the functional and self-management challenges of cancer and cancer treatment.



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Target Audience: Healthcare staff working in Indigenous communities and care sites

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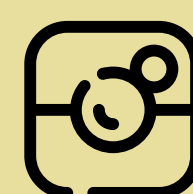
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# Learn More: Supportive Care Services for Indigenous People with Cancer

CancerCare Alberta (CCA) supportive care services offer help when cancer and its treatment affect people physically, emotionally, spiritually, and socially. There are services people may not be aware of that can help navigate the challenges that impact a person's day-to-day life during cancer care.

**Learn about these supports, what to watch for, and how to bridge connections for your patients and their care.**



## Psychosocial Supports During Cancer Care

Wednesday, September 24, 2025. 1:30 to 2:30 pm



## Cancer and Sexual Health

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## Rehabilitation Supports During Cancer Care

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