

# Indigenous Health Workforce Participation

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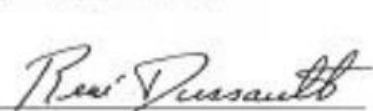


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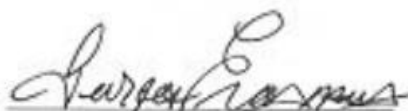
May It Please Your Excellency

We have the honour to submit to you, pursuant to paragraph 10 of Order in Council P.C. 1991-1597, dated 26 August 1991, the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

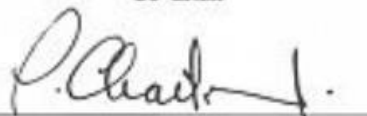
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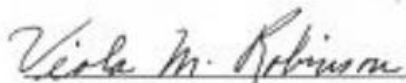
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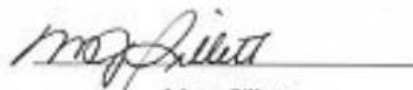
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October 1996  
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*Program Review of the*

# Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative (AHHRI)

\$180,000,000  
2005 – 2015





# Hugh Papik, Aboriginal Elder, Dies After Stroke Misdiagnosed As Drunkenness

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**YELLOWKNIFE** — The Northwest Territories has promised an independent investigation into the death of an aboriginal elder assumed to be drunk when he was suffering from a stroke.

"I am deeply troubled by the comments that the care provided in a particular situation was not appropriate," said Health Minister Glen Abernethy in a release on the death of Hugh Papik.

"The serious nature of certain concerns expressed in the media warrant a comprehensive external investigation."

Papik, a 67-year-old Inuvialuit man from Aklavik in the northwest corner of the territory, suffered the stroke Aug. 3.

**Niece called to pick Papik up**

His niece Maggie Papik said she found out about what happened when staff at the

## Racism against aboriginal people in health-care system 'pervasive': study

Discrimination called a major factor in aboriginal health disparities

By Duncan McCue, CBC News | Posted: Feb 03, 2015 5:00 AM ET | Last Updated: Feb 04, 2015 1:18 PM ET



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Michelle Labrecque pushes herself gingerly in a wheelchair down the hallway of a hotel. The Oneida woman was recently found to have a fractured pelvis, but she says it took three trips to the hospital and increasing pain before she received that diagnosis.

"The third time, I was just left in the ER room, not being able to walk anywhere. Nobody around to help me, not even to a wheelchair," says Labrecque.

She felt abandoned, she says, because she's native.

It wasn't her first bad experience at Victoria's Royal Jubilee Hospital. In 2008, she sought medication for what she describes as severe stomach pain. She discussed the pain with a doctor, as well as her struggles with alcohol and finding a home.

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The doctor wrote her a prescription, and told her she was good to go. When she got home, she discovered all the doctor had scribbled on the prescription form was a crude drawing of a beer bottle, circled with a slash through it.

"It just blew my mind, what they put on it. It's discriminating against natives, I'm pretty sure," says Labrecque. She complained to the hospital, who told her the doctor was disciplined, though she never found out what happened to him.

**'Unconscious, pro-white bias'**

A new study suggests racism against aboriginal people in the health-care



**Duncan McCue**  
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- no data to describe the exact numbers of Aboriginal peoples working in specific health professions (CIHI, 2007)

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