

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Population Health: Risk and Resistance

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The National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) is calling for papers to be considered for the second edition of the Journal of Aboriginal Health. The theme of the second edition is population health: risk and resistance. It will be edited by Kimberly Scott, Principal, Kishk Anaquot Health Research. Articles will be considered that illustrate practical solutions to the fundamental question: Given what we know about the relationship between health determinants and health status, what can be done to reduce risk and improve resistance? In the best-case scenario, articles would be offered where policy and practice have resulted in improved population health status of Aboriginal people.

#### Reducing Environment Risks

Articles will address solutions related to any single element or combination of elements in the population health framework such as:

- socio-economics;
- self determination/governance;
- culture, language, and spirituality;
- traditional foods;
- resurrecting or strengthening relationship to the land;
- accessible, adequate, and culturally-sensitive housing, or community design;
- environmental integrity
- water or air quality; and
- alternative energy sources and sewage disposal systems; or
- globalization, local access to goods and services, or institutional completeness.

## Improving Individual Resistance

Evidence of individual resilience – whether it be genetic, nutritional, social, or psychological – is clear in health status and lifestyle patterns that appear to be polarized in Indigenous groups that endure the same socio-economic and political conditions. Articles will be entertained that explain or address the factors that appear to improve personal resistance and address internal forces such as:

- genetics;
- early childhood, family dynamics, and relationship;
- psychological forces (e.g. identity, self-esteem, sense of belonging, mental health, source of control, attribution styles);
- coping or resilience; or
- any other individual characteristics that affect host response.

Complete manuscripts suitable for peer review are due by June 2, 2003. Inquiries related to the suitability of manuscripts may be directed to Kimberly Scott at [kascott@cyberus.ca](mailto:kascott@cyberus.ca)

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