IPAC 2027 Annual Mentorship Gathering & AGM

SPONSORSHIP PROSPECTUS



June 10–12, 2027

The Explorer Hotel
Yellowknife (Sǫ̀mba K'è),
Northwest Territories

"Rooted in the North:
Relationships, Resilience, and Reciprocity"

IPAC Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada

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About IPAC & the Gathering

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The Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada (IPAC) is a national, member-based, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the health of Indigenous Peoples.

As a registered charity, IPAC supports Indigenous medical students, postgraduate trainees and physicians through mentorship, advocacy, leadership development and opportunities to connect with one another.

Our work is rooted in relationships, Indigenous knowledge and a shared commitment to strengthening the health and well-being of Indigenous Peoples and communities across Canada.

Learn more at www.ipacamic.ca.

About the IPAC Annual Mentorship Gatherings

For Indigenous medical students, postgraduate trainees and physicians, relationships with one another can be an important source of mentorship, encouragement and belonging throughout their medical journeys.

Each year, IPAC's Annual Mentorship Gathering brings together Indigenous physicians and medical learners from across Canada to share experiences, learn from one another, celebrate achievements and strengthen connections.

For some, it is an opportunity to meet an Indigenous physician working in their area of interest. For others, it is a chance to reconnect with colleagues and mentors, share experiences navigating medical education or simply spend time with people who understand their journeys.

Through cultural activities, educational sessions, shared experiences and informal conversations, the Gathering creates opportunities for relationships that continue long after participants return home.

Our Growing Community

Growing Together, Year After Year

What began as an opportunity to bring Indigenous physicians and medical learners together has grown into a national Gathering rooted in mentorship, cultural learning and meaningful relationships.



From 134 participants in Winnipeg in 2023 to 255 in Thunder Bay in 2026, the Gathering's growth reflects the value of having a space where Indigenous physicians and medical learners can connect, learn and celebrate together.

For 2027, IPAC anticipates approximately 250 participants, reflecting the capacity of the Explorer Hotel and our commitment to a Gathering where meaningful conversations, shared experiences and a sense of belonging remain at the heart of bringing our community together.

Who Attends Our Gathering?

The Annual Mentorship Gathering brings together Indigenous medical students, postgraduate trainees and physicians from across Canada, alongside Elders, Knowledge Keepers, medical school support staff, associate members, allies and partners who support Indigenous health and medical education.

Together, participants share knowledge and experiences, strengthen relationships and contribute to a community that supports Indigenous medical learners and physicians throughout their journeys in medicine.

Bringing the Gathering North

Yellowknife (Sǫ̀mba K’è) | June 10–12, 2027

For many Indigenous medical learners from Northern and remote communities, pursuing medicine means leaving home to access education and training. Distance can make it difficult to connect with Indigenous physicians, mentors and peers who understand the realities of Northern life and practice.

In June 2027, IPAC's Annual Mentorship Gathering will bring Indigenous physicians, postgraduate trainees and medical students from across Canada to Yellowknife, creating opportunities for mentorship, connection and learning closer to home.

Gathering in the North also provides an opportunity to learn from Northern Indigenous Peoples and communities, including how culture, geography and relationships with the land shape health and medical practice.

Learning Through Relationships and Land



A highlight of the 2027 Gathering will be the Day on the Land at B. Dene Adventures' Wiilideh site.

Through cultural learning, sharing circles and time together on the land, participants will have opportunities to learn from local knowledge, strengthen relationships and connect beyond traditional conference settings.

These experiences recognize that learning in medicine extends beyond classrooms and clinical spaces, through relationships with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, communities and one another.

The 2027 Gathering Experience

Thursday, June 10 (Half-Day) — Welcoming Our Community

The Gathering begins Thursday afternoon with a Welcome and Opening Ceremony, creating an opportunity for Indigenous physicians and medical learners arriving from across Canada to reconnect, meet new colleagues and begin their time together.

Friday, June 11 — Learning and Celebrating Together

Friday brings participants together for IPAC's Annual General Meeting, keynote presentation and panel sessions.

The day will conclude with an evening celebration recognizing Indigenous medical graduates, IPAC Award recipients and the achievements of members at different stages of their medical journeys.

The graduation celebration is a particularly meaningful opportunity for medical learners to have their accomplishments recognized alongside Indigenous physicians, mentors and peers.

Saturday, June 12 — Day on the Land

Participants will gather at B. Dene Adventures' Wiilideh site for a day of cultural learning, shared experiences and connection with the land.

Through cultural activities and time spent together, participants will have opportunities to learn from local knowledge and strengthen relationships beyond traditional conference spaces.

2027 Sponsorship Opportunities

Partner With Us

For Indigenous medical students, postgraduate trainees and physicians, opportunities to connect with mentors and peers can build relationships that last throughout their careers.

IPAC's Annual Mentorship Gathering creates space for these connections, made possible through the support of our sponsors.

By partnering with IPAC, your organization helps advance work aligned with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action 23 and 24, supporting Indigenous representation in medicine and education that strengthens understanding of Indigenous health.

As we bring the Gathering to Yellowknife in 2027, your sponsorship will help reduce travel barriers and create opportunities for Indigenous physicians and medical learners to connect, learn and celebrate together.

Join us in supporting mentorship, strengthening relationships and investing in the next generation of Indigenous physicians.

2027 Sponsorship Levels

CEDAR | $20,000

Graduation, IPAC Awards & Evening Celebration

Recognizing the achievements of Indigenous medical learners and physicians while bringing the community together.

SWEETGRASS | $15,000

Day on the Land

Supporting opportunities for cultural learning, sharing circles and connection with the land at B. Dene Adventures' Wiilideh site.

SAGE | $10,000

Welcome & Opening Ceremony

Helping create a welcoming environment for Indigenous physicians and medical learners arriving from across Canada.

TOBACCO | $5,000

Mentorship & Learning

Supporting opportunities for physicians, postgraduate trainees, and medical students to share experiences and strengthen relationships.

All sponsorships support the Gathering as a whole. Sponsorship themes highlight key experiences but do not restrict how contributions are used.

2027 Sponsorship Benefits

Benefits	Cedar $20K	Sweetgrass $15K	Sage $10K	Tobacco $5K
Optional Exhibitor table (Friday, June 11)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Breakfast, lunch and refreshments for registered exhibitor representatives (Friday, June 11)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition on IPAC's Annual Mentorship Gathering event page	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in Gathering communications and on social media	✓	✓	✓	✓
Complimentary Gathering registrations	2	1	1	—
Featured seasonal newsletter placements	4	2	—	—

Optional Exhibitor tables are available to sponsors at the Tobacco level ($5,000) or higher.

Complimentary Gathering registrations are included at the Cedar, Sweetgrass and Sage sponsorship levels and exclude participation in IPAC's Annual General Meeting.

Exhibitor representatives must register separately. Exhibitor registration includes access to the exhibition area, breakfast, lunch and refreshments on Friday, June 11. Participation in other Gathering activities requires a separate Gathering registration.

Exhibitor Opportunities

Building Relationships Through Connection

The Annual Mentorship Gathering provides an opportunity for organizations to connect with Indigenous physicians, postgraduate trainees and medical students from across Canada.

Whether your organization is involved in medical education, physician recruitment, health services, Indigenous health initiatives or professional development, exhibiting provides space to share information, explore opportunities and build relationships. IPAC encourages exhibitors to approach the Gathering with an emphasis on relationship-building, mutual respect and a genuine commitment to supporting Indigenous medical education and health.

Exhibitor tables are available to organizations sponsoring the 2027 Annual Mentorship Gathering at the Tobacco level ($5,000) or higher.

Exhibitor Information

Date: Friday, June 11, 2027
Location: The Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories



Each exhibitor table includes:

- One designated table and two chairs.
- Breakfast, lunch and refreshments for registered exhibitor representatives.
- Wi-Fi access, subject to venue arrangements.
- Opportunities to connect with Gathering participants during designated exhibition periods.

Exhibitor tables will be located in a designated area of the venue, with consideration given to accessibility, participant flow and opportunities for engagement.

Explore the Exhibitor Layout

Click here to view the exhibitor area at The Explorer Hotel.

Additional Ways to Support & Connect

Monetary Donations & In-Kind Contributions

At the heart of the Annual Mentorship Gathering are the relationships that bring Indigenous medical learners and physicians together from across Canada.

Alongside our sponsorship opportunities, IPAC welcomes monetary donations of any amount and in-kind contributions, including draw prizes, gifts and other items that enhance the Gathering experience.

Every contribution helps make the Gathering more accessible and creates opportunities for participants to connect, share experiences and strengthen relationships that continue beyond the event.

Partner with IPAC

Partnering with IPAC's 2027 Annual Mentorship Gathering offers your organization an opportunity to connect with Indigenous physicians, postgraduate trainees and medical students from across Canada, share relevant initiatives and strengthen relationships within the Indigenous medical community.

Join us in supporting Indigenous health, mentorship and medical education while building relationships that extend beyond the Gathering.

For questions or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact:

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Thank you for considering a partnership with IPAC and helping bring our community together in Yellowknife.