

THE MUSTI'MUHW MODEL

A Meeting Place for Technology, the People and the Culture

The Musti'muhw Model is a community-based health information system designed by First Nations for First Nations to incorporate and celebrate the culture of the people using the system. This comprehensive, member-centred electronic health record has been customized to reflect the unique values, missions and goals of each First Nations health centre.

Principles of the Musti'muhw Model

- Ownership, control, access and possession (OCAP) of the data resides with the First Nation communities.
- Incorporates a template of policies and procedures that meet the requirements of the *Access to Information and Privacy Acts* and that is adaptable to each community.
- Ensures responsibility for decision making is at the community level.
- Facilitates accessibility of information.
- Promotes unity in service delivery.
- Focuses on strengths of community members and facilitates the building of capacity in communities.
- Enhances accountability to communities as well as to government.

Special Features

- Ability to read into the system of a community's culture and traditions that can be translated into the language of the community.
- Ability to collect comparable data across sites or interface with larger systems such as IPHIS or Panorama.
- Charting formats can accommodate any number of community-based programs (e.g. Immunization, Patient Transportation, Home and Community Care Program).
- Reporting meets the criteria of the First Nations & Inuit Health for targeted programs.

Musti'muhw: "All my Relations"

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