Palliative Care Programs for First Nations Communities: Integrating Two Systems

**Canada’s Health Care Systems’ Capacities**
- Health care services/organizations
- Specialized palliative home care teams/programs
- Skilled palliative care providers
- Pain & symptom management experts
- Specialized medication & equipment
- Palliative care training & education

**First Nations Communities’ Capacities**
- Leadership & vision for change
- Local health care workers & services
- Elders & Knowledge Carriers
- Indigenous understandings of death/dying
- Traditional caregiving practices
- Natural helping networks
- Advocacy

**CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**
- Create partnerships & relationships between two systems
- Engage in knowledge translation & exchange
- Implement creative cross jurisdictional funding arrangements
- Implement Jordan’s Principle

**OUTCOME**
- Customized palliative care programs that build on local assets & strengths in First Nations communities

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