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**Call for Papers – Deadline Extended!**  
**International Journal of Indigenous Health and First Nations Health Authority**  
**Collaborate on Wellness-Based Promising Practices Issue**

**COAST AND STRAITS SALISH TERRITORY (Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia)** - The International Journal of Indigenous Health (IJIH) and First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) are calling for local, national, and international papers to publish in a special collaborative thematic issue on “Wellness-Based Promising Practices”. Community-based articles, research articles, and research trainee articles from academic and community-based researchers and practitioners in Indigenous health are of specific interest for the call.

The FNHA is especially interested in community-based papers that reflect full collaboration with Indigenous partners, focused on and grounded in the intellectual traditions and voices of First Nations residing within the geographic boundaries of what is now known as British Columbia, Canada. IJIH welcomes evidence-based promising practices with a focus on health and wellness, explored through an Indigenous lens, within Indigenous communities. Strategies using cultural/traditional Indigenous practices as the central component to promoting Indigenous wellness and addressing health disparities are particularly encouraged.

Other primary topic areas of focus for the partners include: managing chronic disease, mental wellness, building resilience at the community and/or individual level, and using culturally appropriate indicators as a way to measure Indigenous wellness. Manuscripts not selected for publication in the Special Thematic Issue will still be considered for publication as a best practice by the FNHA through multiple mediums including Spirit Magazine ([www.fnha.ca/wellness/spirit-magazine](http://www.fnha.ca/wellness/spirit-magazine)).

Complete manuscripts that meet the submission guidelines, represent the author’s final version, and are ready for peer review, have a new deadline of **September 1, 2015**. The FNHA is also offering preliminary screening and advising for community-based researchers and practitioners from within British Columbia. This pre-screening is meant to strengthen the manuscript so it fits within formal guidelines, including structure, methodology, formatting and language, but maintains community voices and perspectives. If you would like to have your submission reviewed by the FNHA, please submit it before **August 1, 2015**.

**Read the official Call for Papers here:** [www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/ijih-fnha-call-for-papers-deadline-extended](http://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/ijih-fnha-call-for-papers-deadline-extended)

**Read Submission Guidelines here:** <http://journals.uvic.ca/index.php/ijih/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>

Connect with the International Journal of Indigenous Health online: [www.uvic.ca/ijih](http://www.uvic.ca/ijih)

Connect with the First Nations Health Authority online: [www.fnha.ca](http://www.fnha.ca)

**About the International Journal of Indigenous Health:**

Published bi-annually by the Aboriginal Health Research Networks Secretariat in Canada, the International Journal of Indigenous Health was established to advance knowledge and understanding to improve Indigenous health. The journal seeks to bring knowledge from diverse intellectual traditions together with a focus on culturally diverse Indigenous voices, methodologies and epistemology. This peer-reviewed, online, open-access journal shares innovative health research across disciplines, Indigenous communities, and countries. Integral to the journal's mandate is the foundational body of knowledge formed by the Journal of Aboriginal Health established by the National Aboriginal Health Organization (2004) and transferred to the Aboriginal Health Research Networks Secretariat (2012).

**About the First Nations Health Authority:**

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is the first province-wide health authority of its kind in Canada. In 2013, the FNHA assumed the programs, services, and responsibilities formerly handled by Health Canada's First Nations Inuit Health Branch – Pacific Region. The First Nations Health Authority works to reform the way health care is delivered to First Nations in British Columbia (BC) through direct services and collaboration with provincial partners. The First Nations Health Authority is governed by and serves BC First Nations individuals and communities. For more information on the FNHA visit: [www.fnha.ca/about](http://www.fnha.ca/about)

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