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First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples represent a substantial, rapidly growing percentage (2006: 3.8%) of the Canadian population. Recent media attention to severe conditions in some communities, and studies identifying different social determinants of health have highlighted the challenges facing Aboriginal communities, who often have lower standards of health and wellness than other Canadian groups. However, programs incorporating traditional health and medicine are increasing and shifts in government policy and land claims settlements have enabled the success of self-directed health programs. Researchers, health professionals, administrators and First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities face different barriers and have developed alternative resources and strategies for addressing information needs and ensuring effective implementation. To focus attention on the importance of information in Aboriginal health and to advance the state of knowledge about issues, needs, sources, programs and services, JCHLA/JABSC is publishing a special issue in 2014.

Authors are invited to submit papers (deadline: Dec. 16, 2013) on:

* Aboriginal health & Canadian library collections, programs, or services
* Health literacy and information literacy in Aboriginal communities
* Knowledge translation and implementation of research
* Traditional knowledge - intellectual property, access, integration with other health information
* Global and international issues related to Canadian populations, including circumpolar health
* Key factors, such as social determinants of health, transcultural aspects, and cultural ways of knowing
* Information needs and information seeking behaviour
* Communication of Aboriginal health information in practice or policy settings: useful sources, effective implementation, barriers
* Data on Aboriginal health – sources, collections, analysis

Papers addressing other aspects of Aboriginal health information are welcome The guest editors encourage librarians and information professionals as well as researchers and practitioners working in a field related to Aboriginal health information to submit proposals. Length and format should suit the topic; papers may be program descriptions, research papers, or reviews. If you have queries or wish to discuss a proposal for a paper, please contact the guest editors.

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