



EPIC Conference (2023) Land Acknowledgement



Although we are meeting virtually, we would like to acknowledge the Indigenous Peoples of all the lands our speakers inhabit. We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between nations and to improving our own understanding of local Indigenous peoples and their cultures. We encourage you to reflect on the land on which you are located, and to consider your relationship to the land and to the people who are the traditional keepers of that land.

The AGE-WELL network office operates on the traditional territories of many Indigenous Nations, which have cared for the land for thousands of years, including Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples; and we recognize the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This land remains home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, and is subject to the Dish with One Spoon Wampum, which is an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land today and acknowledge our accountability and responsibility to further the reconciliation process. AGE-WELL is committed to fostering equitable and inclusive practices across all of its programs and practices and explicitly welcomes and strives to incorporate Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being throughout our research and education programs.