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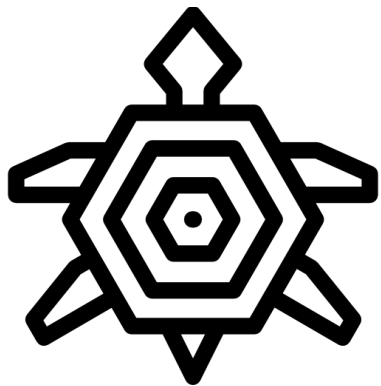
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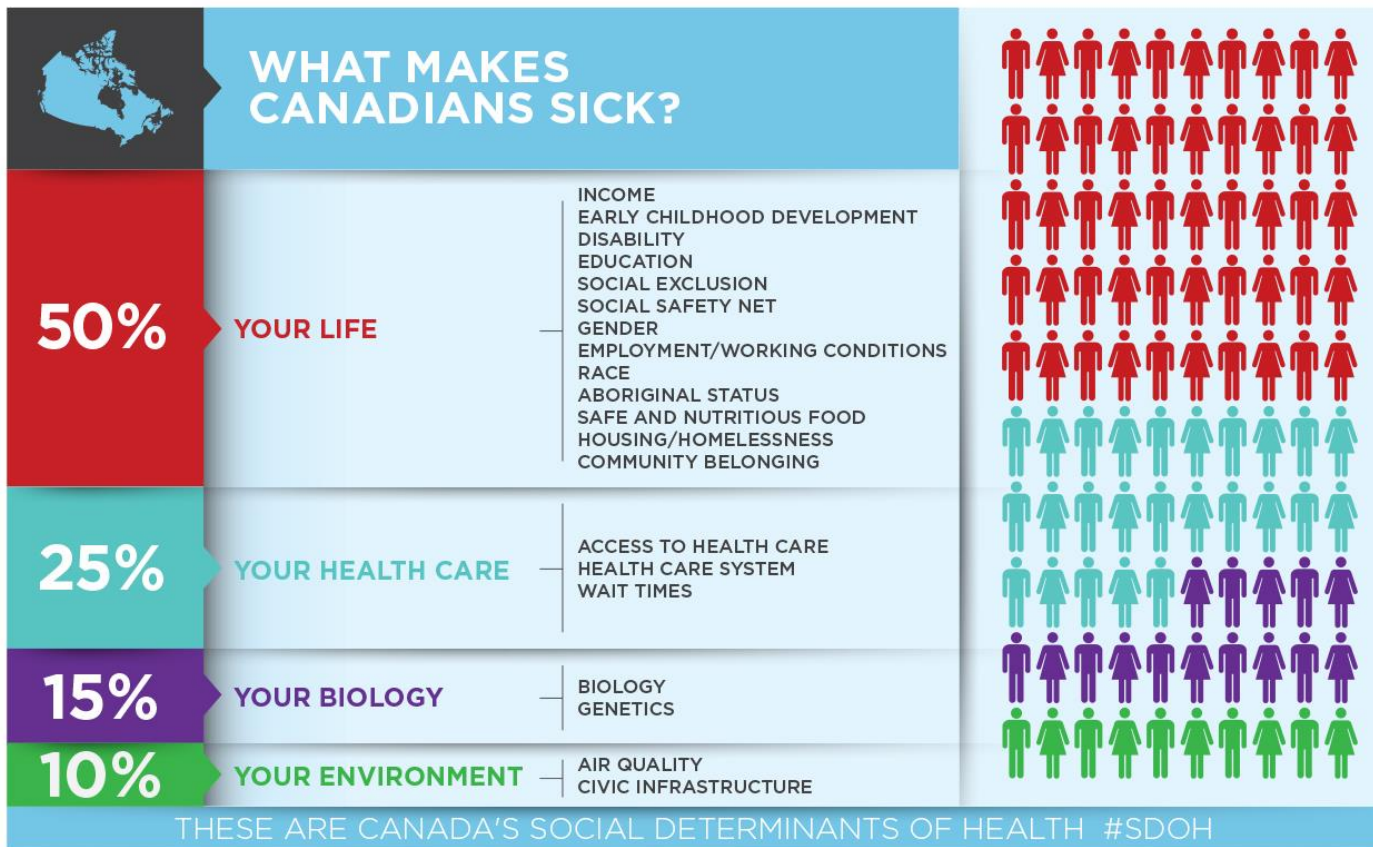
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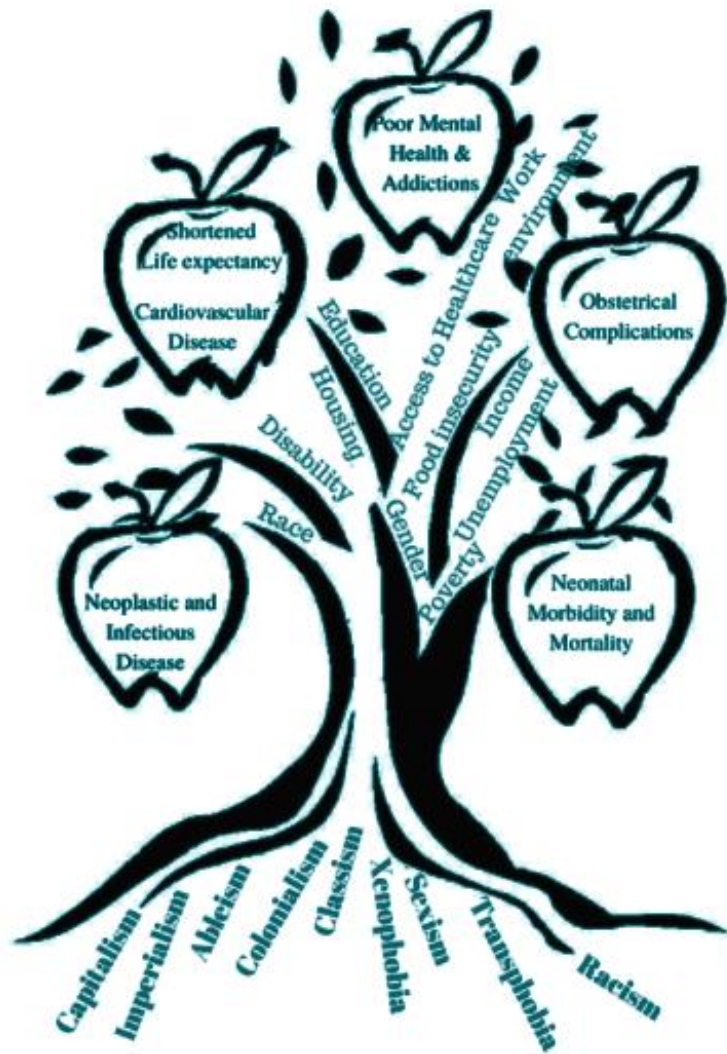
Homelessness and poverty:

**Palliative care for people
experiencing structural
vulnerabilities**









Social determinants of health

Digging at the roots, not just low hanging fruit:

The reproduction of the social determinants of health when the structural determinants' are left untouched

~Dr Nanky Rai



A photograph of a person lying on their side on a city sidewalk. The person is wearing a dark green jacket, dark pants, and a red baseball cap with white text. A comb is lying on the ground near their head. In the background, there is a white van, a person walking, and a building with a "No Smoking" sign. The scene is set in an urban environment during the day.

Homelessness IS a life-limiting illness.

Homelessness IS a terminal diagnosis.



Palliative Education and Care for the Homeless (PEACH)

A new model of care





The PEACH team





About PEACH

- Reconnection to family or friends
- Prevention of acute hospitalizations/ED use
- EOL in preferred place
- Housing status

Table 1: Housing status of PEACH clients at time of referral and time of death

	Time of referral (% of clients)	Time of death (% of clients)
Shelter	24 (38.1%)	5 (7.9%)
Affordable Rental	17 (27.0%)	0
Transitional Housing	12 (19.0%)	8 (12.7%)
Social Housing	6 (9.5%)	1 (1.6%)
Sleeping rough	2 (3.2%)	0
Market Rental	1 (1.6%)	0
Unknown	1 (1.6%)	6 (9.5%)
PCU/Hospice	0	28 (44.4%)
Acute Care Hospital	0	15 (23.8%)



Research on PEACH

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A Retrospective Study of a Toronto-Based Palliative Care Program for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Evan Schneider ✉ and Naheed Dosani

Published Online: 31 Mar 2021 | <https://doi.org/10.1089/jpm.2020.0772>

Why PEACH works

- Community ← → hospital
- Integration within model of home & community care
- Person-centered (not physician-centered)
- Focused on coordination & health navigation
- Communication without borders
- A community of practice centered on advocacy



Report: Too little too late



Homeless, vulnerable only find best health care when at death's door, Uvic study finds

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Researchers followed 25 marginally housed people for 2 years

Dirk Meissner · The Canadian Press · Posted: Nov 02, 2018 11:45 AM PT | Last Updated: November 4

<https://hours.icl>



On Calgary streets: Dignity, at the end of life



British Columbia

Doctor and nurse go mobile to provide palliative care to Victoria's homeless



Judgment and stigma discourage people from accessing proper care, says local researcher



[Adam van der Zwan](#) · CBC News · Posted: Sep 20, 2019 11:46 AM PT | Last Updated: September 20





10 ways to improve palliative care for structurally vulnerable populations



1. Build community by integrating social and health services



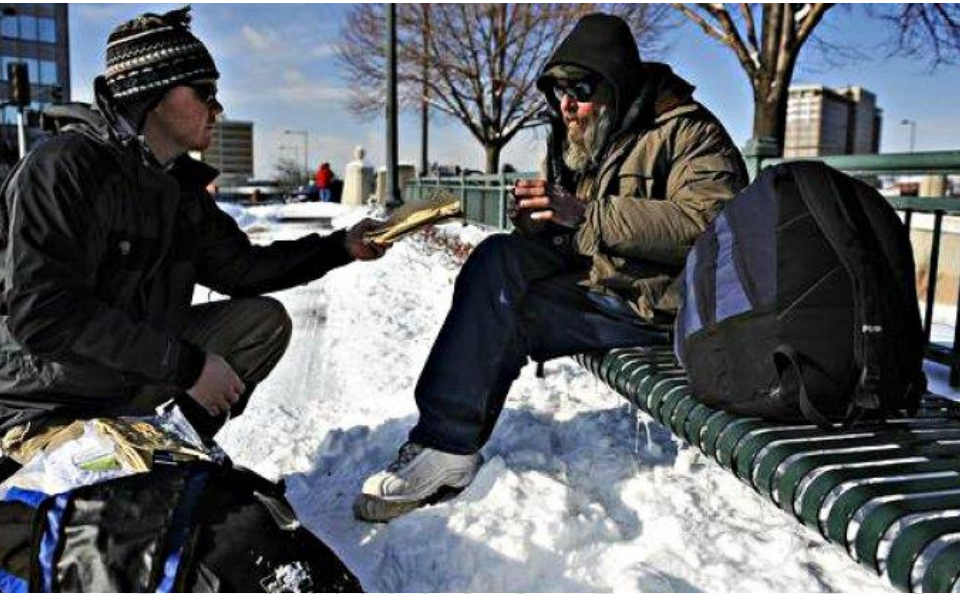
2. Foster peer supports: Include street and/or 'chosen' family in care



3. Anti-racism & anti-oppression must be driving principles



4. Meet people where they're at



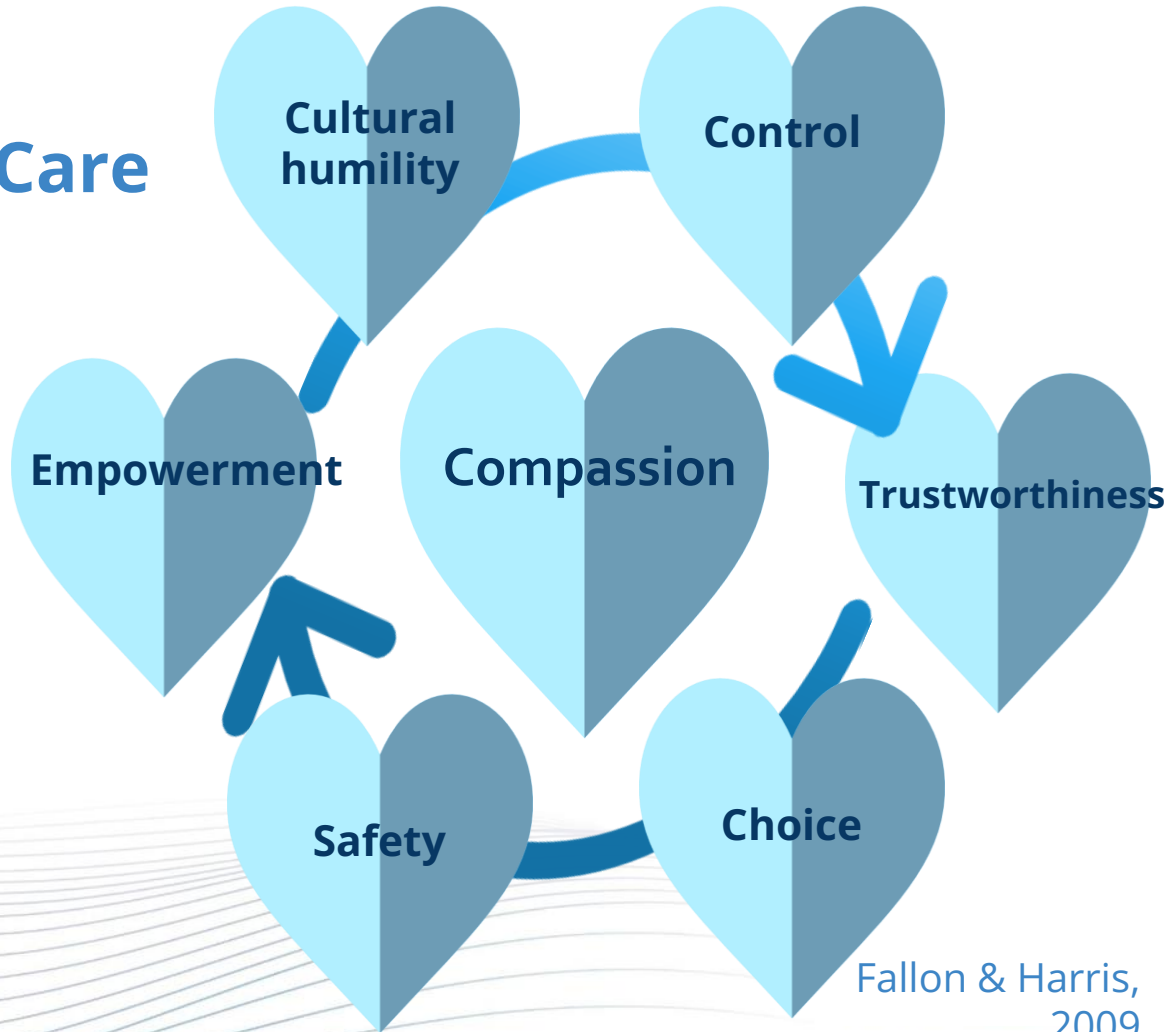
5. Adopt harm reduction approaches to care



Harm reduction means respect, dignity and compassion.



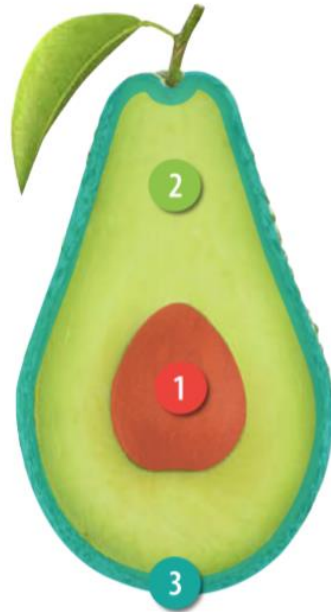
6. Practice Trauma-Informed Care



7. Caring together, grieving together



8. Build compassionate communities that see social accountability as part of care



1. **Micro:** The clinical environment; encompasses both the individual family physician–patient relationship and the inter-professional, team-based care setting.



2. **Meso:** The local community; the geographic context in which clinical and academic medical work are situated. Includes education, training, and continuing professional development (CPD).



3. **Macro:** The broader realm of policies and their impact on population and public health, where family physicians act as advocates for healthy public policy.



9. This work IS advocacy



Wednesday April 01, 2015

"What's a life worth?"



Dr Naheed Dosani and his patient Archie (Frank Faulk) - CBC



Pinned Tweet
Naheed Dosani @NaheedD · May 31, 2020



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Nurse helps homeless die with dignity

Community nurse co-ordinator Namarig Ahmed brings palliative care to a vulnerable population.



10. Derive equity by design

Equality



Equity



Justice





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Let's keep the conversation going.



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