

Closing the Hearing Gap in Rural Alberta

43% of Indigenous people over 7 years old have measurable hearing loss

7.1 year drop in life expectancy among First Nations between 2019-2021

What Hearing Impacts:

- Speech
- Learning
- Mental Health
- Social Connections

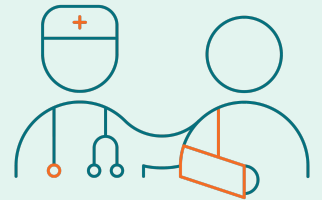


Barriers:

- Remote Access
- Limited Specialists
- Cost of Travel
- Discrimination in Care



The Solution: eConsult ENT Pathways



Patient sees
Local Provider

Provider sends Secure
eConsult to ENT
Specialist for Treatment

Local Provider
Treats Patient

- ✓ Reduces Unnecessary Referrals & Travel
- ✓ Keeps Care Local with Trusted Practitioner
- ✓ Provides Faster Care
- ✓ Builds Provider Knowledge



Also promotes
prevention
through early
detection and
community
education

Empowering Rural Providers. Protecting Lifelong Hearing.