



# YUTTHÉ DENE NAKÓHÓDÍ

To create a "Place to Health Northern People"

## *Our Journey Together*

*in achieving Accreditation Status*

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### Accreditation Canada: What is it?

Accreditation Canada have been working to improve health care services in Canada since 1958. They use national standards to evaluate service delivery. Accreditation Canada works on a 3 year cycle. The focus of Accreditation Canada is on quality improvement. The on site evaluators have years of experience in similar settings as ours. Accreditation Canada encourages feedback. They are guided by feedback from their client organizations and stakeholders.

### The benefits of Accreditation

Accreditation provides us with a baseline to see how we have improved over time. It allows us to see where we are at nationally. Accreditation helps us see where we are doing well and where we can improve. The process also helps us identify what resources are needed. Our funders look favorably upon us meeting Accreditation Standards. The process allows us to gather information from our clients and staff. The processes to achieve Accreditation requires a lot of teamwork and strengthens our culture of safety and continuous improvement. Throughout the processes we will discover opportunities for education, training, and ways we can improve.

### Our on site survey is June 2012.

What do you want to know about Accreditation? Together, we will develop this monthly newsletter to encourage, support, and guide our work.

### Standards: We hear a lot about standards, but what are they?

Standards are the measuring 'stick'. Standards are based on clinical and management best practices. Standards are developed with the advice of experts. Organizations and team assess themselves against the standards. The organizations strengths and areas to improve are identified. Teams then develop work plans based on their self assessments. The whole process is to improve patient care.

### How Standards apply to us.

We are in the process of finalizing team leaders. Then we will assemble teams. **Stay Tuned! A request for your participation will be coming soon! If you see a standard you are interested in let me know!**

We are all in this together working, learning, sharing, and supporting each other. It takes a whole organization working together to meet these national standards. **You know your job the best.** Your understanding of how you do your job is key to our overall success. Think of working on an Accreditation team as a way to improve your work and our organization.

*We are walking this  
journey together!*

From your Accreditation Facilitator: Brenda Mishak Beckman, Director of Inpatient and Regional Diagnostic Services.

**Committed to Continuously Improving.**