



**The Alberta First Nations  
Information Governance Centre**

## Capacity Initiatives and Supporting Data Management in First Nations Communities

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# Our Organization

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“Protecting Our Knowledge, Telling Our Stories,  
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# Alberta OCAP® Resolution



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TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

## **ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION**

“The Centre will promote, protect and advance the First Nations Ownership, Control, Access, Possession (OCAP™) principles. The Inherent Right to self-determination and jurisdiction in research and information management.”



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## Governance Structure



# Activities



OCAP® training.

First Nation health surveillance initiatives.

First Nation data sovereignty support.

Respectful research relationships.

Additional community supports as requested.

# Legislation Impacting First Nation Sovereignty



Royal  
Proclamation  
of 1763

1850 Act for  
the better  
protection of  
the Lands and  
Property of the  
Indians in  
Lower Canada

The  
Constitution  
Act, 1867

Gradual  
Civilization  
Act, 1857

Gradual  
Enfranchisement  
Act, 1869

Indian Act



# Indian Act



An attempt to generalize and assimilate diverse nations into settler society, outlawing First Nation governance and cultural practice.

## Amendments

*1894 and 1920:* Industrial/residential school is now mandatory for First Nation children.

*1884:* Outlawing First Nation ceremonial practice.

*1927:* First Nation people are not allowed to hire lawyers, cannot bring about land claims without government consent.

# Impacts

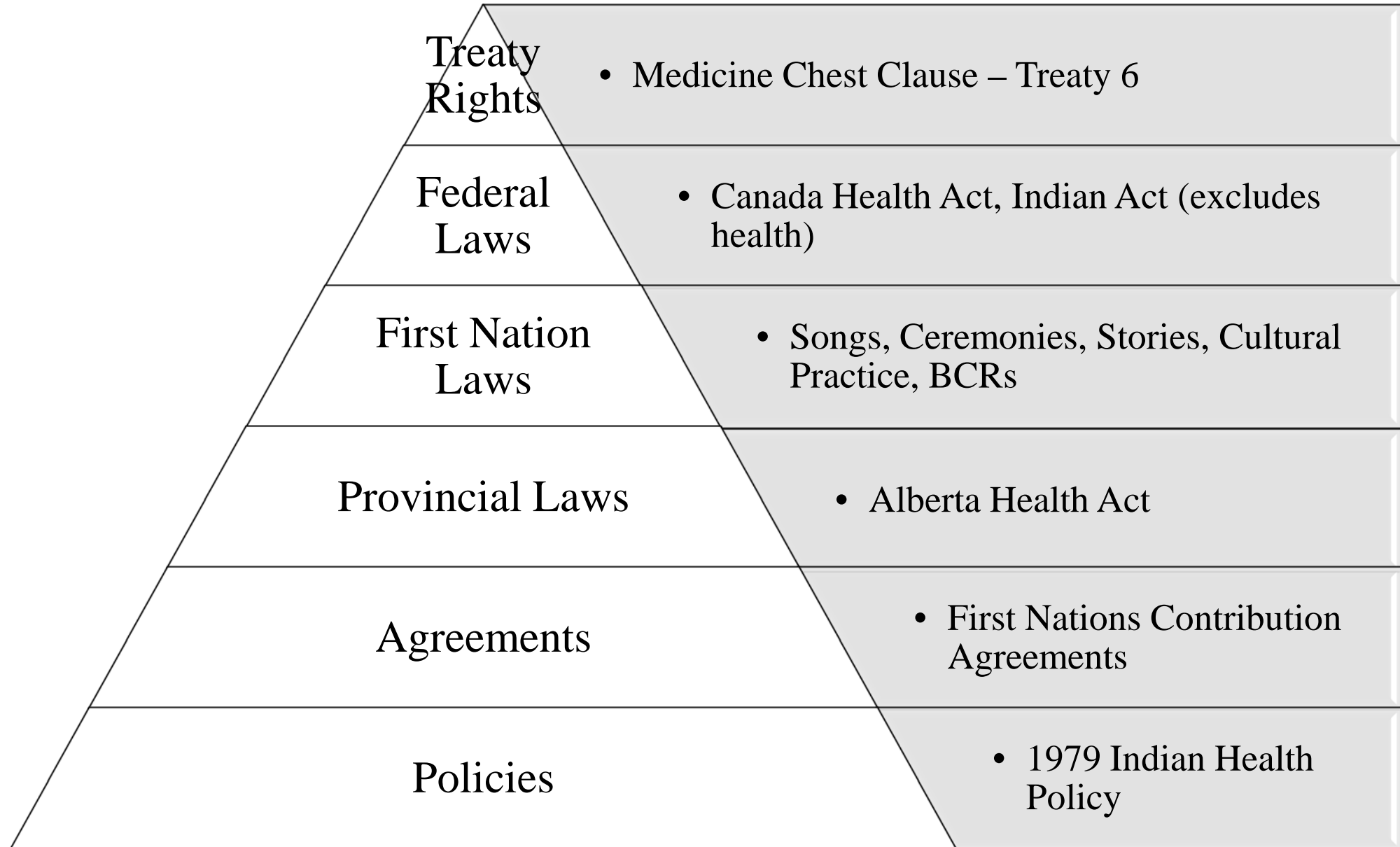


Canadian government unilaterally altered the relationship with First Nation people from allies to wards, impacts of legislation resulted in:

- Loss of cultural ways of knowing and traditional roles within family and community.
- Historical and intergenerational trauma as a result of Indian Residential Schools.
- Hostility towards First Nation sovereignty by settler culture and within Canadian society.
- First Nation health is reactionary to keep disease and illness confined on reserve.



# Jurisdictional Framework for First Nation People



# Group Discussion

In small groups:

Identify additional impacts felt in First Nations Health in Canada due to policy unilaterally imposed by the Canadian Government.

(10 Minutes)



# First Nation Health & Data Governance



# First Nation Health Outcomes



Negative impacts resulting in declining health status.

Cultural confusion.

Increased dependence on social programs.

Underfunded and overcrowded homes impacting health outcomes.

# First Nation Health Trends Alberta



Life Expectancy for First Nations in Alberta.

Top Reasons for Emergency Department Visits for First Nations in Alberta.

Pharmacy Dispensations of Opioids for First Nations in Alberta.

Top Types of Cancer Among First Nations in Alberta.

# First Nation Data Governance Pre-OCAP®



No active role for First Nation people.

No First Nation participation in research.

Government process negatively impacting service delivery.

# First Nation Solutions



# First Nation Data Governance Post-OCAP®



First Nation control and contextualization of information.

Government invitations for active participation in data governance.

Education and awareness opportunities.

Development of respectful, ethical spaces for partnership development.

First Nation communities leading First Nation community research.



# First Nation Data Governance Post-OCAP®



First Nations data repatriation efforts.

First Nation advocacy efforts supported by data.

Improved health service delivery supported by evidence-based decisions.

Information and privacy to support service delivery in community.

# Alberta Data Sources



# Moving Forward



# Implementing Nation to Nation Relationship



First Nation privacy laws.

Internal information sharing to support service delivery.

Repatriation to support community health programming.

Negotiating from a place of strength in data governance.

Evidence to support positive impacts of First Nation approaches.

Community solutions to support community challenges.

Questions?





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