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## **Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Sign Memorandum of Understanding**

Today, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA) and the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN-S) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work together and address Métis people’s experiences with cancer.

Senior leaders from the SCA and MN–S signed a formal agreement establishing a framework in which the two partners will create a Métis-specific cancer strategy. This framework addresses health equity in Saskatchewan and will form an important part of the MN-S overall health and well-being strategy.

“Today, we are formalizing a relationship that has been years in the making through our collaboration on cancer surveillance, cancer prevention activities and community consultations,” said Dr. Jon Tonita, President and CEO of the SCA. “The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency is committed to moving forward with the Métis Nation to identify, understand and address the barriers that contribute to health inequities for Métis people in this province.”

“This memorandum is an expression of our joint commitment to improve the lived experiences with cancer for Métis people in Saskatchewan,” said MN–S Health Minister Marg Friesen. “We will continue to work closely with the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, with the intention to implement diverse and targeted cancer programs and services for the people we serve”

This memorandum provides the foundation to improve outcomes for Métis people, from prevention through treatment. Part of this work includes the development of a culturally responsive strategy for the SCA to help better meet the needs of Métis and First Nations people in Saskatchewan.

### **About the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency**

The SCA is a provincial healthcare organization with a legislated mandate to provide cancer control for the province of Saskatchewan. The Agency operates prevention and early detection programs, conducts innovative research and provides safe, patient and family-centred care at our two cancer centres in Regina and Saskatoon. Our more than 800 employees are passionate about their work in the fight against cancer.

### **About the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Government**

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) is the government for Métis citizens in the province of Saskatchewan. MN–S represents the political, socioeconomic, cultural and educational interests of some 80,000 Métis through an elected representative system.

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