

Partnering with Aboriginal Communities

Indigenous Health is not a Separate Road



BC Kidney Days
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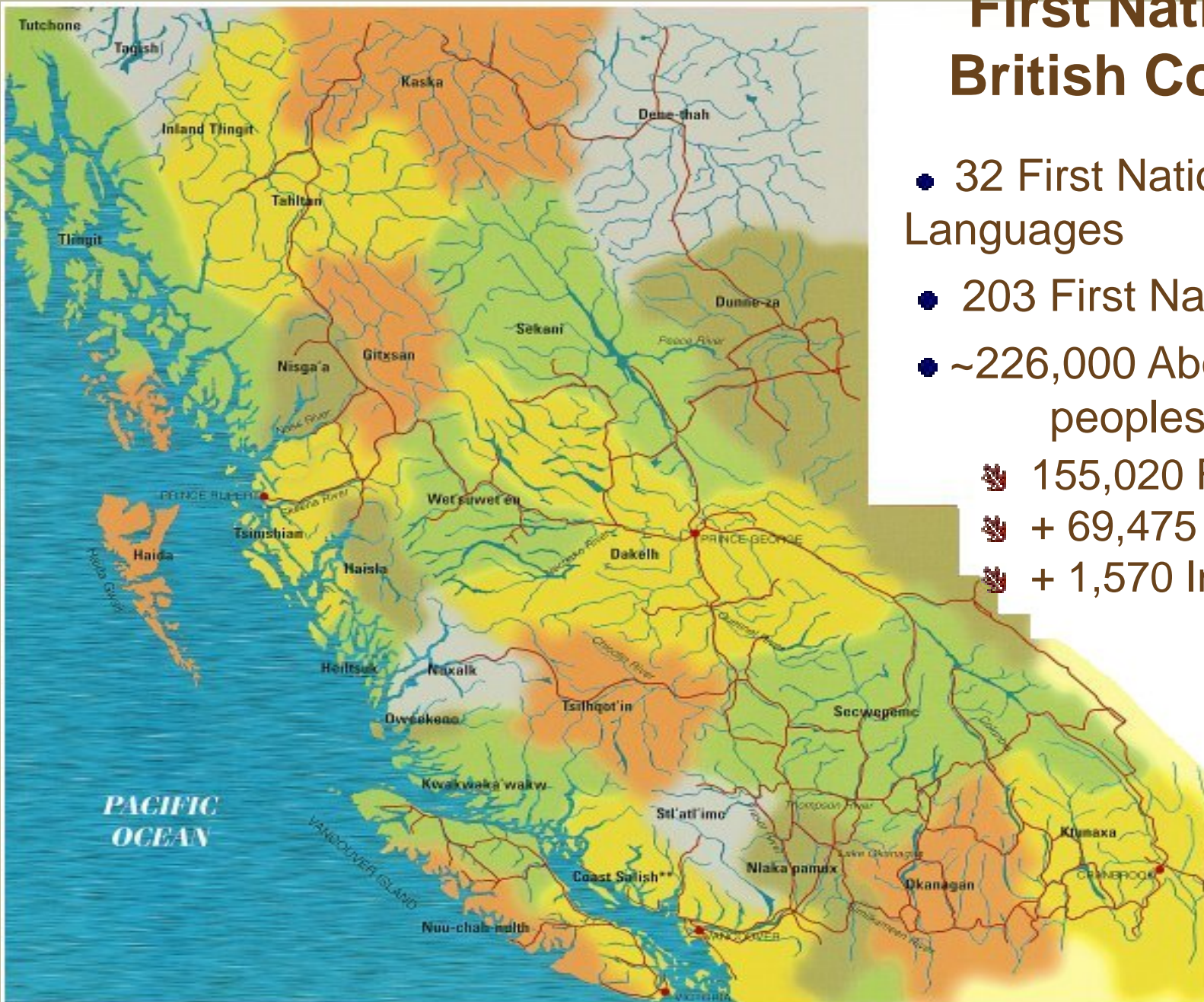
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First Nations in British Columbia

- 32 First Nations Languages
- 203 First Nations
- ~226,000 Aboriginal peoples
 - 155,020 First Nations
 - + 69,475 Métis
 - + 1,570 Inuit



An Historical Look at Aboriginal Health in British Columbia



*First Contact – then sustained contact
– with Europeans fundamentally
altered Aboriginal people's health in
Canada*



Historical factors profoundly affecting health

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- The Reservation system
- Lost traditional territory
- Lost fishing and hunting sites
- Loss of fishing and hunting stocks
- Lost water rights
- Dominance of Canadian foods
- Alcohol, cigarettes, drugs



Historical factors profoundly affecting health

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- Overcrowding
- Poverty/decreased wealth
- Stress
- Decreased social & family structure
- Increased Church control
- Decreased economic power
- Decreased political power

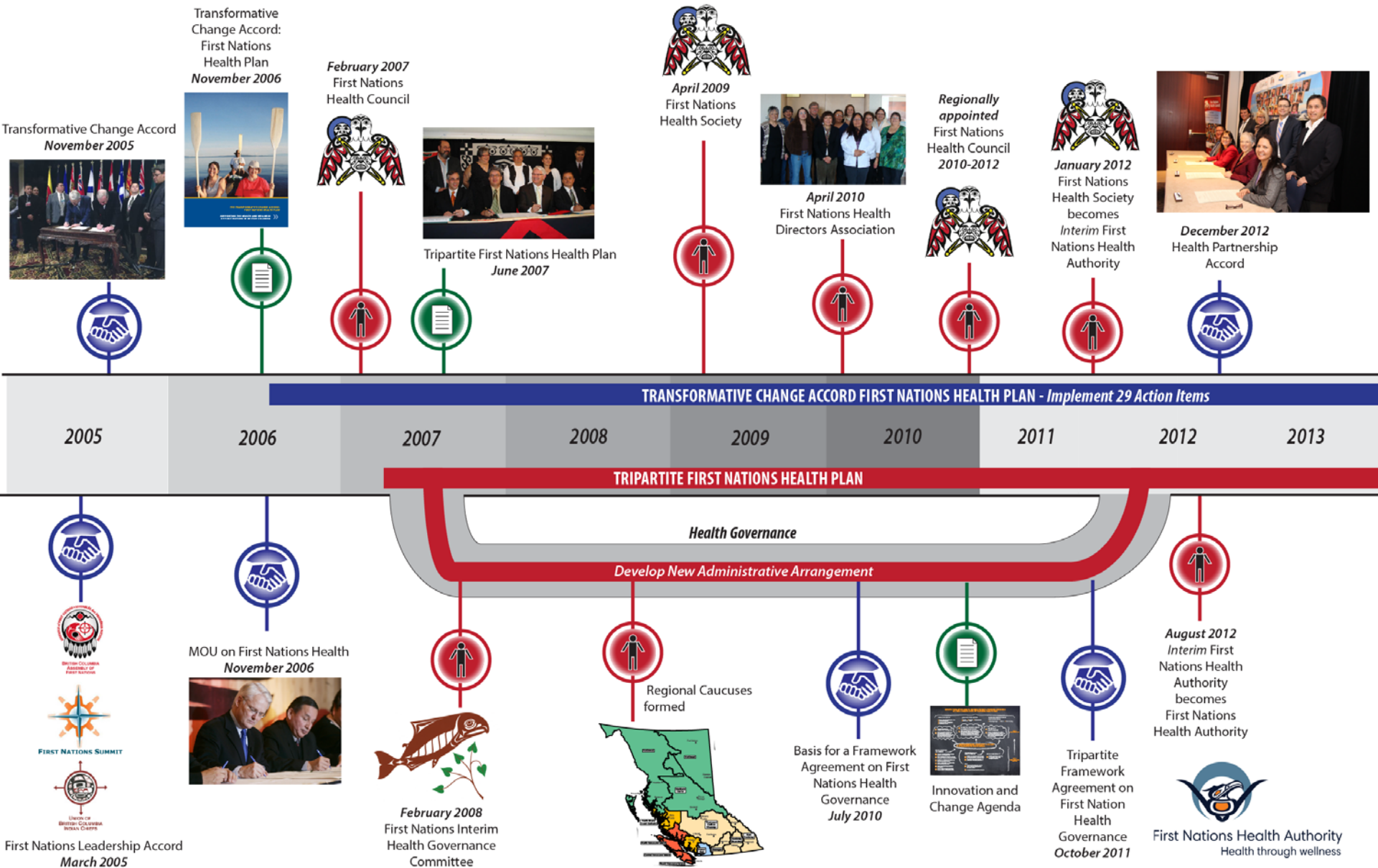


A Shared Commitment

Health & wellness for First Nations encompasses the physical, spiritual, mental, economic, emotional, environmental, social & cultural wellness of the individual, family & community. Although the present Plan focuses on health programs & services, it is recognized that the way forward will require **a joint commitment** to deal with the root causes & structural issues causing socio-economic gaps.

- Tripartite First Nations Health Plan

2007



The Transformative Change Accord:
The First Nations Health Plan
Supporting the Health and Wellness
of First Nations in BC





The Bilateral Plan

The four key areas in the Bilateral Plan frame the discussion of the Trilateral document:

- GOVERNANCE, RELATIONSHIPS & ACCOUNTABILITY
- HEALTH PROMOTION and DISEASE & INJURY PREVENTION
- HEALTH SERVICES; and
- PERFORMANCE TRACKING



Governance is a Key Element

Outcomes of Governance Work:

- Effective & accountable
First Nations, in full partnership
with BC & Canada
- Culturally-responsive system
- Efficient & sustained delivery
structure (no duplication)
- First Nations health care needs &
priorities met
- Better First Nations health
outcomes







CHALLENGES

- **Data improvement and data sharing**
- **Partnerships**
- Mental Health and Addictions plans
- Chronic disease management and self-care
- Metis and off-reserve involvement
- Cultural contexts (and cultural competency)
- HIV
- Children in care
- Environmental health
- Federal efforts at a band level and Provincial efforts at a health authority level are asynchronous
- Whole government approach



Q & A

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