

The lengthy patient journey in Inuit Nunangat

Travel

The Inuit believe strongly in the benefits of a tightly knit community yet they sometimes have to travel for days across the country to receive proper care. How can we provide better cancer care to those living in rural and remote areas?



29h 22min

Total distance: 3,481 km

- ✈️ 3 flights
- 👤 4 stops
- 🏠 1 overnight, Resolute Bay

"In the North, there are great distances to fly for treatment and weather is a big factor in flight delays or missed connections, but the biggest impacts are anxiety and physical tiredness travelling long distances."



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KANATAMI CANCER SURVIVOR
REPRESENTATIVE

29h

Total distance: 1,869 km

- ✈️ 2 flights
- 👤 4 stops
- 🏠 1 overnight, Inuvik

9h 15min

Total distance: 1,800 km

- ✈️ 1 flight
- 👤 5 stops

SCHEDULED MEDICAL TRAVEL

Governed by a Client Travel Policy in most regions, non-emergency medical travel is provided by scheduled airline providers under contract of the provincial or territorial health departments.

MEDEVAC

When there is an immediate and urgent need, Medevac is the emergency air ambulance service that flies patients from their home communities to the nearest hospital that can provide appropriate treatment.

SKEDEVAC IN NUNATSIAVUT

Skedevac is an air ambulance service that combines the benefits of Medevac equipped aircraft and the flexibility of private charter services. Skedevac is a scheduled service operated by Air Labrador under contract to Labrador Grenfell Health and provided by dedicated Twin Otter aircraft.

Skedevac services the communities in Happy Valley - Goose Bay, and operates *only* on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week.