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Findings from an Access Research Initiative to reduce health disparities and promote equitable access with Aboriginal peoples in Canada reveal the urgent need to enhance the delivery of culturally appropriate practices in emergency contexts. Achieving equity of access demands attention to structural barriers experienced by Aboriginal people in this study, such as stigma, stereotyping, and discrimination.

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E17 Discourses of Social Justice: Examining the Ethics of Democratic Professionalism in Nursing

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Based on an analysis of discourses of social justice, this article explores questions of professional formation in nursing, noticing when commitments to social justice are taken up or evaded in different models of professionalism. In concluding comments, implications of democratic professionalism are explored for professional formation in nursing, arguing for teaching, learning and knowledge projects that contribute to social justice.

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