
Colorectal Cancer Screening Project

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Center for American Indian/Indigenous Research and Education

Mission: Conducting the highest quality evaluation and research utilizing methods that are congruent with American Indian culture and values.

Values: Seeking knowledge to benefit American Indian communities in a manner that is respectful and with integrity.

CAIIRE's Research & Findings

- Recent studies on:

HIV,

obesity,

tobacco,

cancer symptom management,

HPV

Opportunities for Collaboration

- 3 Project Requests
 - ❑ Colorectal Cancer Screening – Raising awareness
 - ❑ HPV – human papillomavirus vaccines
 - ❑ Prostate Cancer – Screening and awareness
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Colorectal Cancer Awareness Project (1)

- Funded by the California Dialogue on Cancer - 1 Year
 - Significance: Screening for CRC among AIs is reported to be low (33%) in CA leading to late diagnosis...with early detection the survival rate can be as high as 90%.
 - Aim: Increase early detection of CRC by disseminating educational materials to Indian health centers
 - 2 focus groups will be held for AIs age 50+ to review materials
 - Posters and brochures will be posted in Indian health centers to raise awareness among patients and clinic staff
 - Questionnaires will be sent to clinic staff (physicians, nurses, etc.) of health centers to assess any differences in CRC screening
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Colorectal Cancer Awareness Project (1)

- Need Indian health clinic staff to participate in posting of posters at clinics
- Need Indian health clinic staff to fill out questionnaires (one in February, one in May)

Prostate Cancer Screening Project (2)

- Prostate Cancer
 - Most commonly diagnosed cancer among AI men
 - 2nd most common cause of cancer death
 - Diagnosed at more advanced stage disease in AI men than Caucasian men.

 - Opportunity to partner with clinics to improve screening for AI men
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Prostate Cancer Screening Project (2)

- AI/ANs are less likely to have been screened for breast or prostate cancer than whites.
 - “Targeting investment wisely toward the specific racial and ethnic groups most at risk remains a necessary step to save lives in California and reduce the burden of late-stage cancer care on the state’s health care system.”
 - Susan H. Babey, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.
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HPV Vaccination Awareness Project (3)

- Need to develop HPV study among AI/AN adults and youth
 - Recommended vaccination for youth and adolescents prior to sexual experience
 - HPV vaccine provides protection against cervical cancer
 - Opportunity to partner with clinics
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Call to Action

- Call to participate in projects
 - What are the next steps?
 - Feedback on projects?
 - What other projects/data are needed?
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Questions?

Thank you for listening!

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