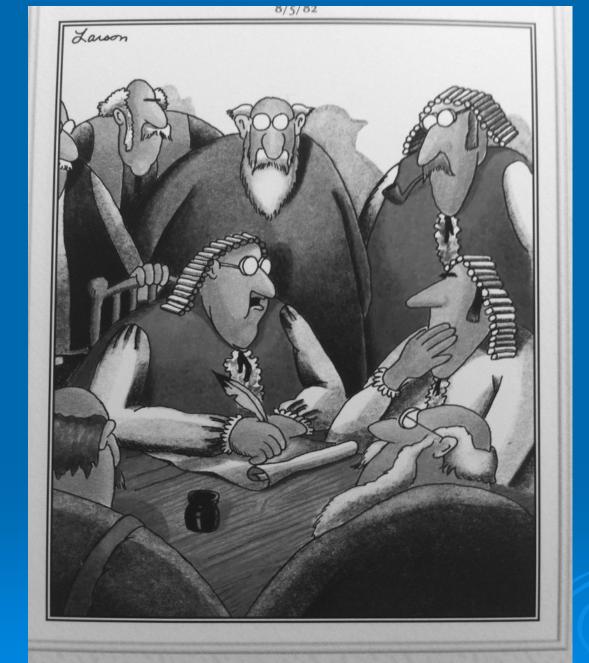




#### Public Health is Us

Data into Information
Into Programs and Policy
Baby-Friendly Hospital

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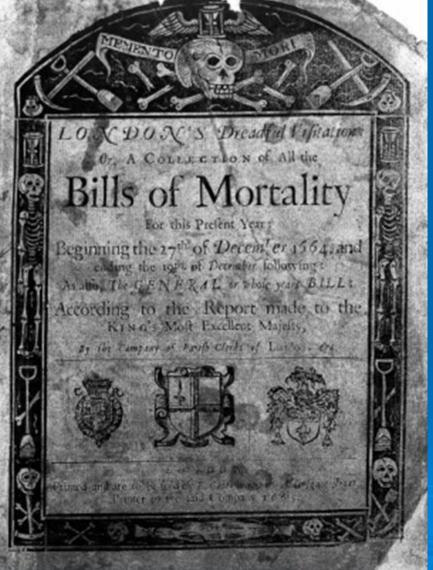
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#### **Indian Health Service**





Turning Data into a Story

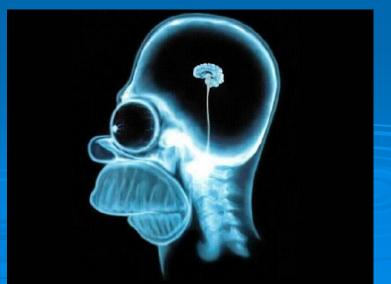


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# What do we know about Cherokee Nation

- Our Population
  - 14 Counties
  - No reservation Jurisdictional Service Area
  - 2 Cherokee Schools
  - About 120,000 American Indians



#### Childhood Obesity

- ➤ Healthcare Data 33% Obesity
- School Health Leadership 27%
- > YRBS 15.6%



#### Maternal Weight

Pre-pregnancy Obesity and morbid obesity

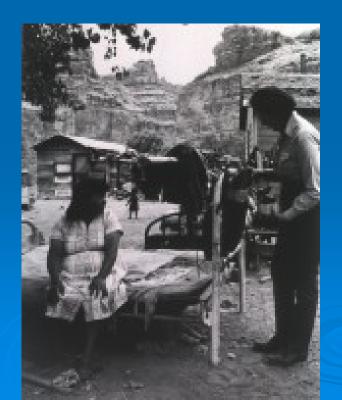
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C-Section rate = 33%

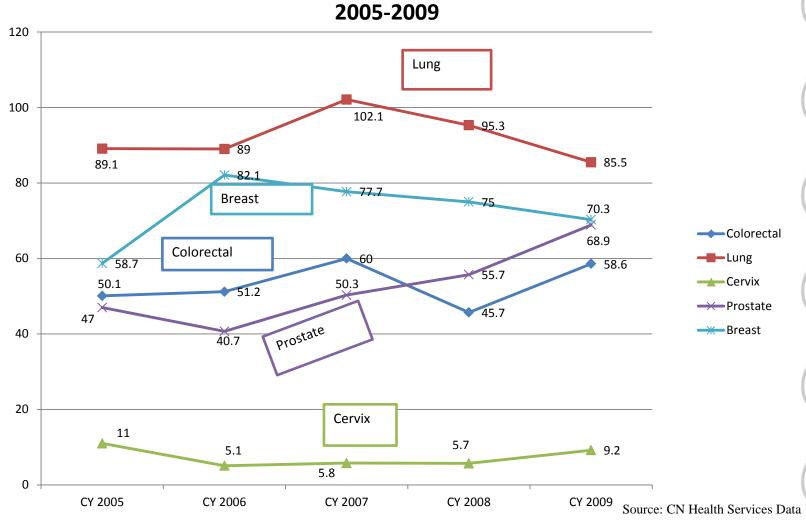


#### Cancer

- > Oklahoma Vital Statistics
- Cherokee Nation Cancer Registry



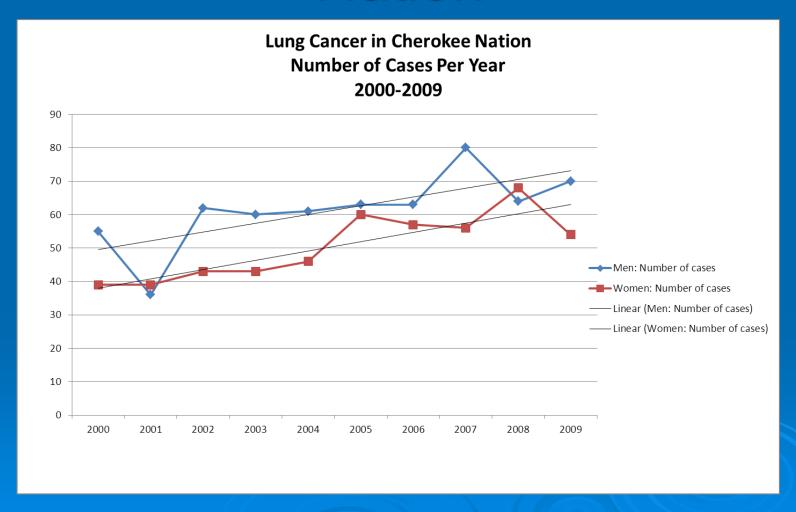
## Cancer Incidence Rates Among Native Americans in Cherokee Nation per 100,000 People



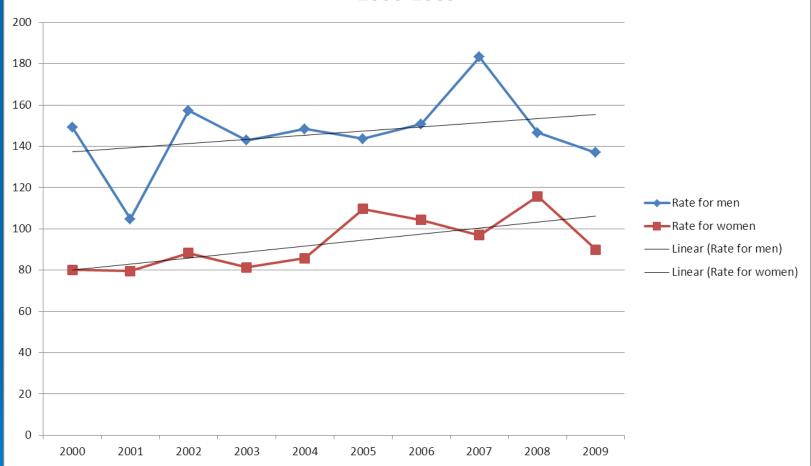
#### **Smoking**

- > 2011 AI-ATS:
  - No change in smoking rates in Cherokee adults overall
    - About 29%
  - Decrease in smoking in women of childbearing age
  - Little ceremonial use
    - Less than 10% of smokers

# Lung Cancer in Cherokee Nation

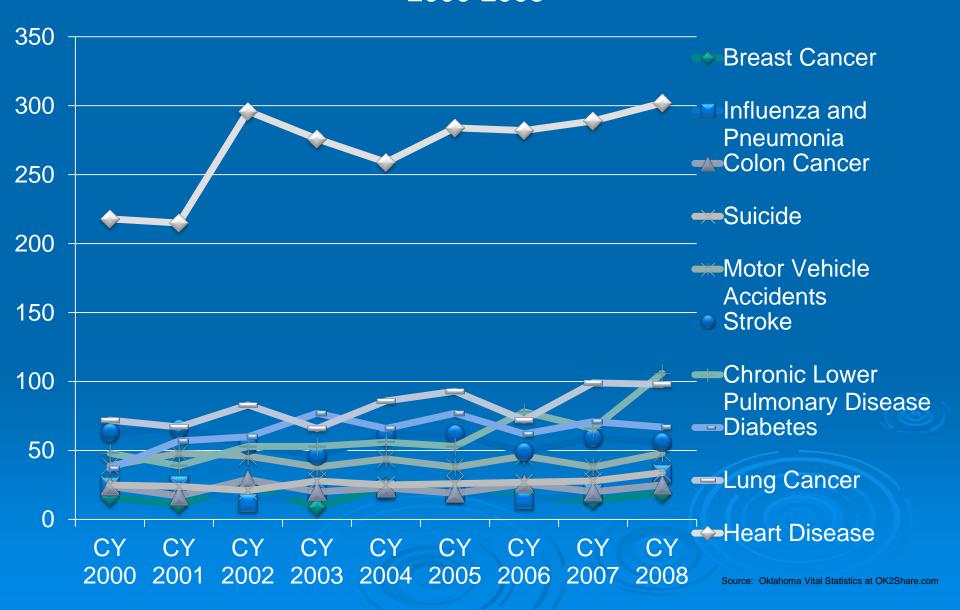


## Lung Cancer in Cherokee Nation Age Adjusted Incidence Rates per 100,000 People 2000-2009

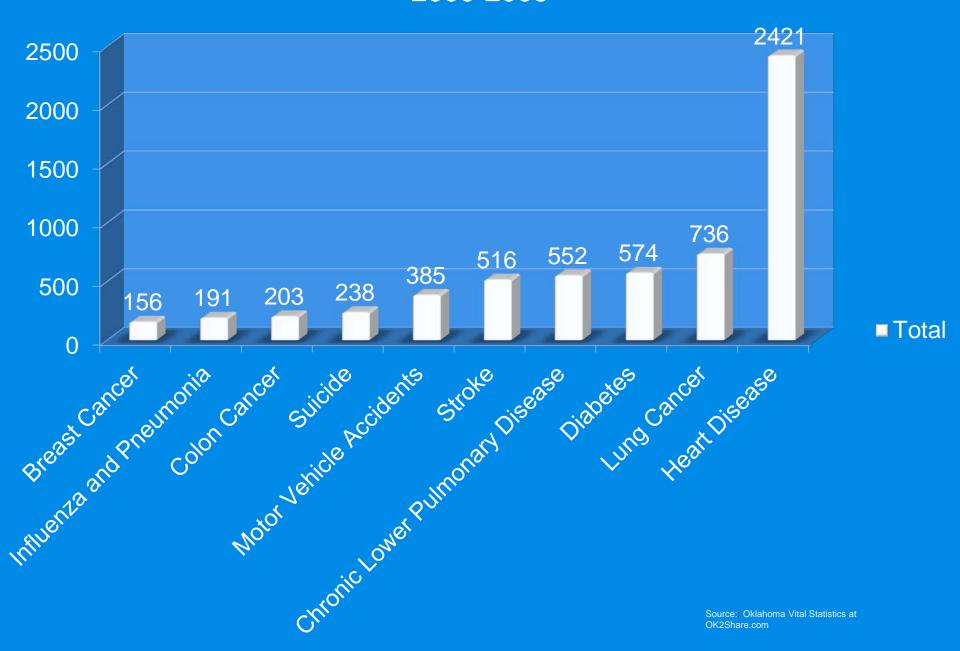


Source: Oklahoma Central Cancer Registry

# Number of Deaths by Cause Native Americans in the 14 Counties of the TJSA 2000-2008

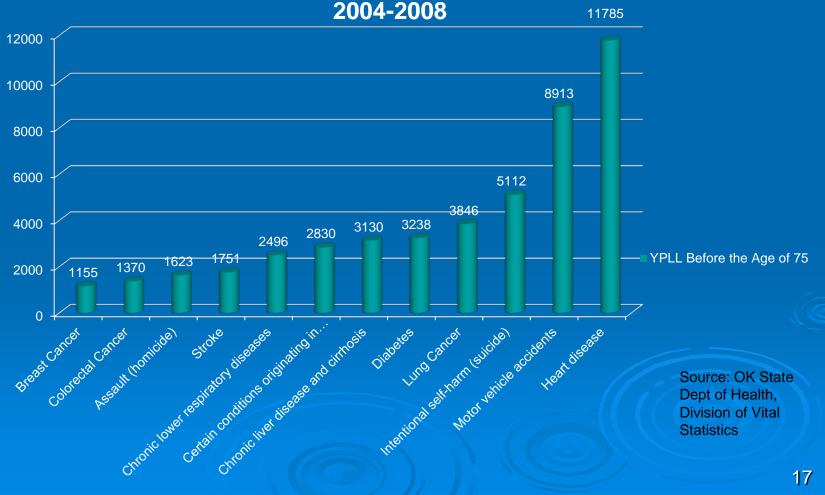


#### Deaths Among Native Americans in the TJSA 2000-2008



#### Respect Your Elders

Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL) before the Age of 75 **American Indians in the TJSA** 



#### What is Our Plague?

- > Poor Nutrition
- Lack of Physical Activity
- > Tobacco Use
- > Behavioral Health



#### Data to Information: Done

> Now what do we do?



#### Social Ecological framework



# Information into Programs and Policy

- Childhood Obesity Toolkit
- Baby-Friendly Hospital
- Community Gardens
- > 24/7 Schools
- > SWAT
- School Gardens
- Safe Routes to School

- > MAPP
- > PHAB
- Food Policy Councils
- Community Coalitions
- Farm to School
- Walking Clubs
- Built Environment
- Smoke Free Housing
- Casinos
- Communications

#### Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative

- One Hospital
- Community Transformation Grant



### **SWOT Analysis**

- > Strengths
  - Data: 80% Initiation Rate
  - Administration and Nursing Support
- > Weaknesses
  - Building
  - Geography
  - \$\$\$\$\$



### **SWOT Analysis**

- Opportunities
  - Partnerships
  - 900 babies a year
- > Threats
  - Sequester
  - Formula companies
  - Attitudes: Free is Good
  - Attitudes: Physicians
  - Attitudes: Busy Nurses

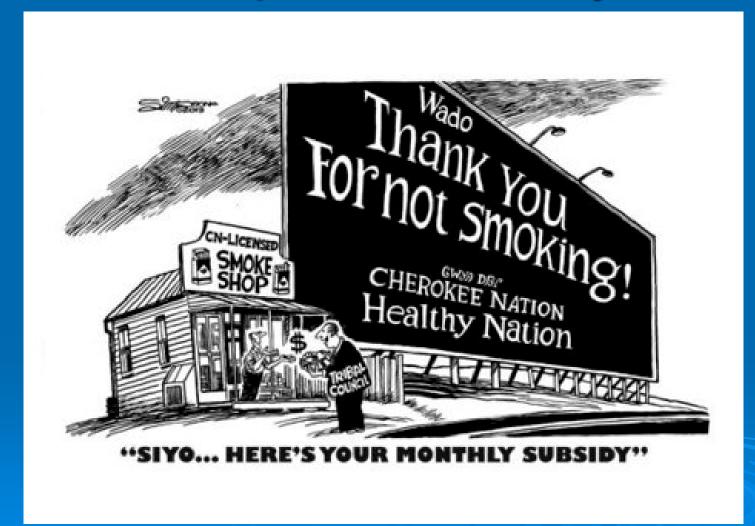


#### **BFHI Today**

- Kick-off Meeting
- Data Analysis
- Policy Review
- Partnerships



### Impact on Policy



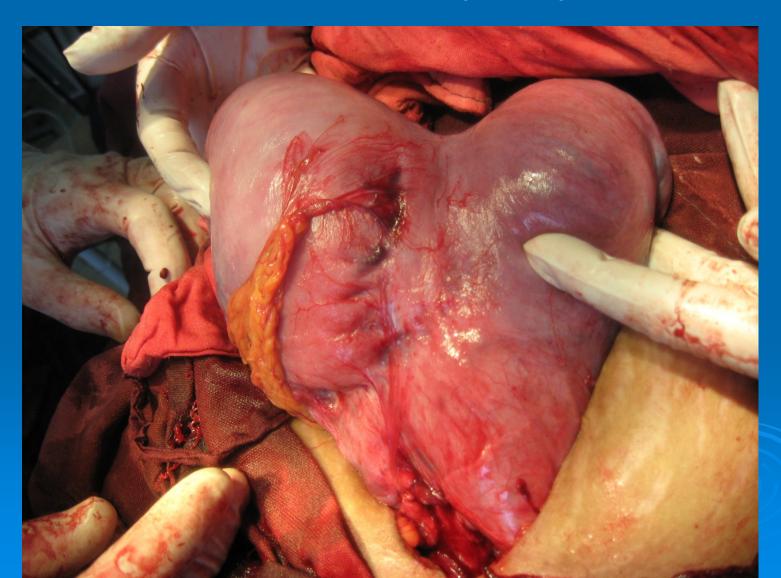
#### 2013 Cherokee Nation ATS

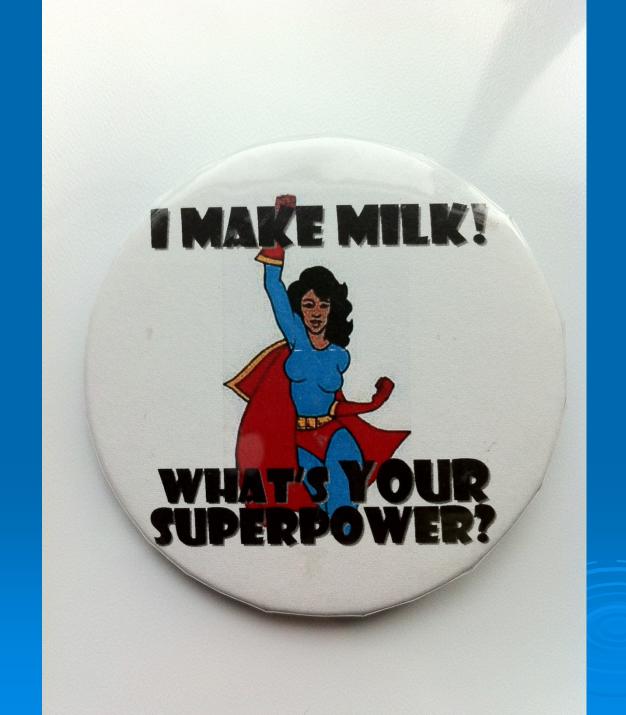
- Sample of 5,000 adults
  - Confidence interval of about +/- 1.2%
- Describe each county
  - Where is the disparity within Cherokee Nation
- Smoking-attributable mortality rate





### Trust you Instincts Know when something is wrong







#### Communicate Your Message

- Push the data
- Don't worry about misuse
- Practice your message
- Believe in your message
- Always close with a puppy picture

