



*Stay in
the circle...*

Spotlight: Ferguson and the ANTHC

Aang! Hello! I'm Gary Ferguson and I help represent the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's (ANTHC) participation in NPCC. I'm Aleut/Unangan, and am originally from Sand Point, a small fishing community in the Eastern Aleutian Islands of Alaska. Formally trained as a Naturopathic Physician with a specialty in Chinese Medicine, I serve the Alaska Tribal Health System as the Director of Wellness and Prevention at ANTHC. My Staff and patients call me 'Dr. Gary'. Within our



Wellness and Prevention Department lies an amazing group of public health professionals and vibrant programs. I am honored to serve

our Alaska Native people, sharing the vision of ANTHC: 'Alaska Natives are the Healthiest People in the World'. We've got a way to go, and the work with Native People

for Cancer Control and the NPCC Telehealth Network (NPCCTN) is a part of sharing wellness-based, holistic ideas throughout our State via Televideo-networking. Each month we have ANTHC staff and others in our Alaska Tribal Health System connecting via Televideo to UW Staff and other experts in healthcare. The NPCC project is one that brings people together to improve the lives of our Alaska Native and American Indian people, who often experience disparities in cancer care. I'm honored to be a part of the NPCC Alaska team!





Spotlight: The Mark of a Cancer Survivor

"My Grandfather, Emil Gundersen Sr., had cancer multiple times in his life; Prostate Cancer in his 60's, and then colon cancer twice in his 70's and early 80's. He was a long-time Cancer Survivor. He taught me many things, but especially to truly live, throughout your WHOLE life...the many chapters. Last April, Grandpa left this life as we know it. His joy for life, his stories, and his ability to persevere will continue to inspire me." This is a part of my Digital Story script that was recently completed with the assistance of NPCC's Brenda Manuelito and staff, here at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). It was awesome to participate in the process firsthand, realizing the power of sharing stories via digital medium. The power of sharing your



voice. Of course my Grandfather is an easy one to speak about, as he truly has been a Champion in my life. He modeled vitality, resilience and the ability to persevere – despite challenges in health and having cancer. He lived to a strong and vital 89 years old before he passed. If only I am so fortunate...





Meet Laura Revels



Laura Revels, the Alaska NPCC Program Manager is a Tlingit originally from Southeast Alaska, who loves taking photos and turning them into inspirational posters; woodcarving and beading. She is passionate about creating culturally-relevant ways on how to deal with cancer, and believes in the healing power of storytelling.

"For NPCC I am busy with building relationships within the Alaska Tribal Health system to help coordinate survivorship issues/programs, and promote the NPCCTN tele-health series, both provider and survivor series. I am also very active with Digital Storytelling and am working on gathering stories from other survivors so that we can have something to share with those who are newly diagnosed."

Clinical Trials Education in Native Communities

Native People for Cancer Control collaborated with the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department on a Clinical Trials Education presentation recently.

Through a year of planning and organizing the group assembled

clinical trials educational materials from the National Cancer Institute, Cancer Information Service, Spirit of E.A.G.L.E.S. and the Education Network to Advance Cancer Clinical Trials (ENACCT). The materials were reviewed and a curriculum was designed for Native audiences through art, stories, video, and interactive instruction.

The curriculum was presented at the South Puget Sound Intertribal Planning Agency's (SPIPA) Comprehensive Cancer Control Program meeting on September 16th at the Little Creek Casino at Squaxin Island, Washington.

The team; Carrie Nass and Kathy Briant (CIS), Samantha Yeun (TPCHD) and Brenda Manuelito and Steve Charles (NPCC) presented to a receptive audience of community health aides, nursing professionals, SPIPA staff and Native community members.



Native People for Cancer Control Telehealth Network for Health Care Providers

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Continuing Education
Opportunities
for
Health Care Providers
Grand Rounds:

Fred Hutchinson
Cancer Research
center
Tues 8:00am-9:00am

UW Medicine
Thurs 8:00am-9:00am

UW Lab Medicine
Weds 3:30pm- 4:30pm

UW Cardiology
3rd Fri each Month
7:30am-8:30am

UW Psychiatry
Every other Thurs
Noon-1:30pm

Children's Hospital
Pediatric Medicine
Thurs 8:00am-9:00am

Children's Pediatric
Nursing
1st Thurs each Month
Noon-1:00pm

Harborview EMS
1st Thurs each Month
9:00am-Noon

Thursday Noon - 1:00 pm PST

11 am - Noon AST

Video TeleConference

October 9

Lung Cancer

Astrid Helgeson & Jennifer Thompson

NCI's Cancer Information Service—Northwest Region

October 23

Childhood Cancer

Karyn Brundidge, ARNP Oncology

Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center

November 13

Pancreatic Cancer

Astrid Helgeson & Jennifer Thompson

NCI's Cancer Information Service—Northwest Region

November 27: Happy Thanksgiving

December 11

Psychological Issues and Support

Fransing Daisy, PhD (Cree), Clinical Psychologist

University of Washington

December 25: Merry Christmas

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Interested in coordinating a family visit for your patient?

Native People for Cancer Control Telehealth Network uses TV monitors and phone lines so patients hospitalized far from home can see and talk with family and friends who can not come to visit at no cost.

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