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offers tele-oncology services to promote better post-diagnosis cancer care for American Indians and Alaska Natives, to improve support services for cancer sufferers, survivors and families, and to increase awareness of telehealth as a way to efficiently deliver cancer care.

American Indian and Alaska Native populations experience the worst cancer-related disparities of any minority group in the United States in terms of poverty, lack of access to screening and high quality healthcare, encouragement for health-promoting behaviors, and access to clinical cancer trials. These factors have resulted in American Indians and Alaska Natives having the poorest survival from all cancers among all racial and ethnic groups.

The Telehealth Network provides cancer and survivorship services to 10 new tribal sites in Washington and as many as 60 Alaska sites. Expert clinicians in Seattle collaborate with local providers to offer post-diagnosis cancer care education, training, and services via video teleconference to Native children and adults and their providers.

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