

Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Health Disparities

American Indians and Alaska Natives face persistent health disparities. They are much less likely than the general United States population to have health insurance and access to preventive and specialized healthcare. They also suffer from higher rates of diabetes, smoking, and obesity. In contrast to declining cancer rates in the majority culture, incidence rates for American Indians and Alaska Natives are rising rapidly for virtually all types of cancers.

The Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Health Disparities is a partnership between the University of Washington and the University of Colorado Denver. Six research projects at the University of Washington are investigating

the influence of Medicaid insurance on outcome and survival among Native cancer patients in Washington state.

how tribal clinicians can provide evidence-based follow-up healthcare to cancer survivors.

the best ways to communicate risk information on kidney disease to members of a Washington tribe with type 2 diabetes.

early psychosocial interventions targeting posttraumatic stress disorder for American Indian and Alaska Native injury survivors who live at great distances from urban acute care centers.

the reasons for the elevated risk of chronic liver disease in a Washington tribe.

the influence of provider race on quality of care for obesity among pediatric and adolescent American Indian and Alaska Native patients.

University of Washington researchers will partner in these projects with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center investigators and American Indian and Alaska Native people from rural and urban Washington communities.

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