



American Indian / Alaska Native (AIAN) Cancer Regional Seminar Series



Native American Cancer Research is sponsoring a seminar series in partnership with Rapid City Regional Hospital, Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board, and Intertribal Council of Michigan. The series is culturally appropriate for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) and addresses the full continuum of cancer care (prevention, early detection, survivorship, and palliative care/end-of-life). The intended audience includes Navigators working with AIAN communities, tribal and urban Indian outreach workers, tribal and urban leaders, healthcare providers, state and federal professionals who work with AIAN communities. A limited number of travel scholarships will be available (form will be on website mid-November 2008). All tentative dates will be confirmed by November 30th.

Specific aims of the proposed NCMHD Regional Health Disparities Research Seminar Series

- Aim #1.** To increase knowledge, perceived culturally respectful behaviors and application of knowledge to work settings of professionals and community leaders who work with AIANs and community outreach workers.
- Aim #2.** To coordinate, implement, evaluate and disseminate findings from four 2 ½ day AIAN Research Disparities Seminars that address the full continuum of cancer care.

Seminar 1; Topic B: American Indian and Alaska Native Cancer Early Detection Regional Seminar

Objectives:

1. Identify strategies to overcome common challenges with AIAN communities to take part in early detection screening (breast, cervix, colon, lung, prostate and “generic cancers”).
2. Increase knowledge of AIAN-specific early detection education and referral programs successfully implemented throughout Native communities.

Logistics:

- Location: San Diego, CA
- Dates: Jan 18-20, 2009 (confirmed)
- Times: 1 pm on 18th through 5:00 pm on 20th

Tentative Topics (focus is on pro-active strategies that work in Indian Country):

- Common challenges for AIANs living in urban, rural or reservation communities
- Strategies AIAN organizations (e.g., ITCMI, RCRH, AATCHB) have used to successfully overcome these challenges
- Strategies to increase access to screening
- Recruitment strategies
- Partnerships necessary to include AIAN within screening programs
- Excerpts of AIAN community early detection workshop content
- Evaluation strategies

Seminar 2; Topic A: American Indian and Alaska Native Cancer Prevention Regional Seminar

Increase cultural and scientific knowledge about chronic disease prevention or reduction behaviors specific to AIAN communities.

Objectives:

1. Increase cultural and scientific knowledge about chronic disease prevention or reduction behaviors specific to AIAN communities,
2. Identify strategies to overcome common challenges with AIAN communities to take part in early detection screening.

Logistics:

- Location: Tulsa, OK
- Dates: Tentative Dates: April 26-28, 2009
- Times: 1 pm on the 26th through 5:00 pm on the 28th

Draft Agenda Topics (focus is on pro-active strategies that work in Indian Country):

- Healthy eating
- Nutrition
- NEAT
- Physical activity
- Energy balance
- Tobacco prevention and control

Seminar 3; Topic D: American Indian and Alaska Native Palliative Care Regional Seminar**Objectives:**

1. Describe common challenges and solutions to providing quality, timely comfort (supportive) care to AIAN cancer patients and their families
2. Identify strategies to improve preparation for end-of-life by the AIAN cancer patient & family members.

Logistics:

- Location: Portland, OR
- Dates: Tentative Dates: June 14-16, 2009
- Times: 1 pm on 14th through 5:00 pm on 16th

Draft Agenda Topics (focus is on pro-active strategies that work in Indian Country):

- Overview of existing palliative care efforts in AIAN communities
- Common challenges
- Palliative Care Resources (e.g., Helping Hand)
- AIAN Palliative Care Curricula and Programs
- Unique cultural challenges and strategies to overcome
- Support for AIAN Palliative Care Program

Seminar 4; Topic C: American Indian and Alaska Native Survivorship Regional Seminar and Tentative PowWow for the Cure®**Objectives:**

1. Identify Navigation and Patient Advocate interventions and their impact on reducing AIAN disparities in accessing timely, quality cancer care
2. Describe common challenges and solutions to providing quality, timely comfort (supportive) care to AIAN cancer patients and their families; Identify strategies to improve preparation for end-of-life by the AIAN cancer patient & family members.

Logistics:

- Location: Denver, CO
- Dates: Tentative Dates: August 13-15th, 2009
- Times: begins 1:00 pm; the PowWow is Saturday night and Sunday morning will be a breakfast to honor the survivors (so the dates end on Saturday, and we invite people to stay through the PowWow for a fun evening event).

Special Event: PowWow for the Cure® on Saturday Night (a Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Fund Raising Activity for AIAN breast cancer programs throughout the US)

Draft Agenda Topics (focus is on pro-active strategies that work in Indian Country):

- Overview of "Native American Cancer Education for Survivors" (NACES)
- Clinical Trials Education in Indian Country
- Patient Advocate Trainings
- AIAN Survivors Survey findings
- Survivorship Resources available online
- Support Circles
- Family Members and Caregivers Support Program

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