Cancer Disparities in the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations

Cancers with higher incidence rates compared to non-Hispanic Whites

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CANCER INCIDENCE TRENDS

Data from 1999 to 2015 showed significant increases in the following:

- Kidney Cancer: Male 2.4%, Female 1.6%
- Liver Cancer: Male 3.3%
- Breast Cancer: Male 4.2%, Female 0.9%

Steps to lower cancer incidence rates

- Provide culturally appropriate, community-based interventions to support healthy behaviors
- Decrease exposure to cancer risk factors, such as commercial tobacco and alcohol
- Increase access to preventive health services (vaccines, cancer screening)

[Source: https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/research/articles/cancer-AIAN-US.htm]