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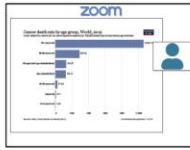
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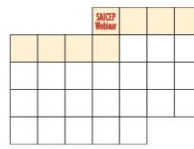
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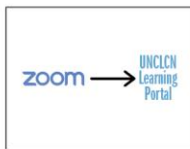
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Live Webinar

 **Tomi Akinyemiju, PhD, MS**  **Tony V. Locklear, MA**

 **Vivette Jeffries-Logan, BA**  **Angel Oxendine, BS, BSW**

Embracing Indigenous Wisdom in Evidence Based Cancer Prevention: A Path of Collaboration, Respect, and Insight on Duke's Voyage

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Tomi Akinyemiju,
PhD, MS

Dr. Akinyemiju is a Professor of Population Health Sciences, Ob/Gyn and Global Health. Her methodological expertise combines social and molecular cancer epidemiology, cancer biology, and health disparities. Her research accomplishments have focused on articulating and innovating conceptual and empirical approaches for cancer health disparities research, specifically, disentangling the role of race as a social construct and race-associated biological mechanisms that contribute to cancer disparities. Dr. Akinyemiju also serves as the Vice-Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Department of Population Health Sciences, and Associate Director for Community Outreach, Engagement, and Equity at the Duke Cancer Institute. Dr. Akinyemiju's leadership centers around building cross-enterprise, multi-stakeholder coalitions to advance health equity, promote inclusion and diversity, and mentor the next generation of diverse, talented clinical research scholars. Dr. Akinyemiju has received numerous awards, including the 2023 Michelle Winn Inclusive Excellence Award.

Dr. Akinyemiju has published over 150 peer-reviewed publications, and her research program has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health, Susan G. Komen and the V Foundation. She has mentored (formally and informally) at least 50 trainees and junior faculty, over 50% of whom are URM. Dr. Akinyemiju works extensively with diverse stakeholders, including community-based organizations, policy makers, providers, health system leadership, and leaders from diverse communities to develop impactful, evidence-based interventions to advance health equity.

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Tony V. Locklear, MA

Tony V. Locklear is a member of the Lumbee Tribe with Tuscarora heritage. He is a passionate advocate for decolonizing work and health equity. Tony works as a Quality Assurance Coordinator at the Hoke County Health Department, a Tribal Liaison at the NC Department of Health and Human Services, and independently as a Community Researcher/Consultant. He is also pursuing a doctoral degree in Public Health Education at UNC-Greensboro.

Tony began his journey in grassroots organizing and community health education, which helped him understand how public health intersects with culture. He uses this insight to drive his research, focusing on integrating culture into public health solutions for holistic well-being and equity.

Tony is committed to cultural preservation and has earned respect in Indigenous and non-native circles. He centers his work on decolonizing principles, aiming to address historical injustices and foster an inclusive, respectful, and culturally appreciative future.

Tony is known for designing sustainable community programs that align with native traditions. His initiatives in healthcare, education, economic empowerment, and environmental stewardship have had a significant impact.

As a keynote speaker and panelist, Tony emphasizes authentic engagement as the key to successful partnerships with native communities. He believes that access to health and justice should be universal, driving positive change for native communities and society as a whole.

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Vivette Jeffries-Logan,
BA

Vivette Jeffries-Logan is a citizen of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation. She served her People as an elected member of the Tribal Council and as the Founding Director of the OBSN Tribal Health Circle. She has been a trainer with Dismantling Racism Works (dRworks), served as the Director of Training and Technical Assistance at a state domestic violence coalition, and served on the Advisory Board for the American Indian Center at a local university. She also served as Curriculum Designer and Instructor for the Working Effectively with Tribal Government course for the Centers for Disease Control and as Core Faculty with the William C. Friday Fellowship for Human Relations. Vivette is grateful for the opportunity to work with Tony Locklear as they co-facilitate talking circles in the Indigenous Nations that share geography with the state of North Carolina and beyond. She is deeply honored by the encouragement and trust of her relatives.

She was recognized as an Honoree at the Women's Honor Ceremony during the American Indian Women of Proud Nations Conference. United Tribes of North Carolina also honored her with the Distinguished Service to Indian People Award and she was also honored with the 2010 Alumni Excellence Award from Guilford College

Vivette earned a B.A. in Psychology and Community Studies from Guilford College and an Associate Degree (A.A.S) in Hospitality Management from Alamance Community College. She graduated from the North Carolina Native Leadership Institute of the American Indian Center at the University of North Carolina. She is also a Certified Executive Chef with 17 years of experience in Hospitality Leadership and Management. Vivette is in her second year of the Leadership for Sustainability Master's program at the University of Vermont. When not at work, you can find Vivette laughing with relations, talking story in beloved community, baking legendary pound cakes and other southern delicacies, and attending powwows and gatherings across the state.

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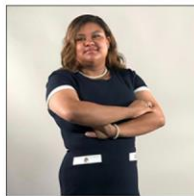
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Angel Oxendine,
BS, BSW

Although presently residing in Raleigh, North Carolina, Angel Oxendine is a native of Lumberton, North Carolina. She is an American Indian from the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, which is located in Pembroke, North Carolina. She recently earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Social Work from Elizabeth City State University and is currently enrolled in North Carolina Central University's Master of Social Work program as a graduate student. As a Community Engagement intern at Duke Cancer Institute, Angel got her start in the field of public health by interacting with various American Indian groups and educating them about the various forms of cancer and the tobacco sensation talking circle. Angel participated in the client's program implementation and served as a facilitator for the Tobacco Sensation talking circle where she helped clients learn about their triggers and different forms of meditation.

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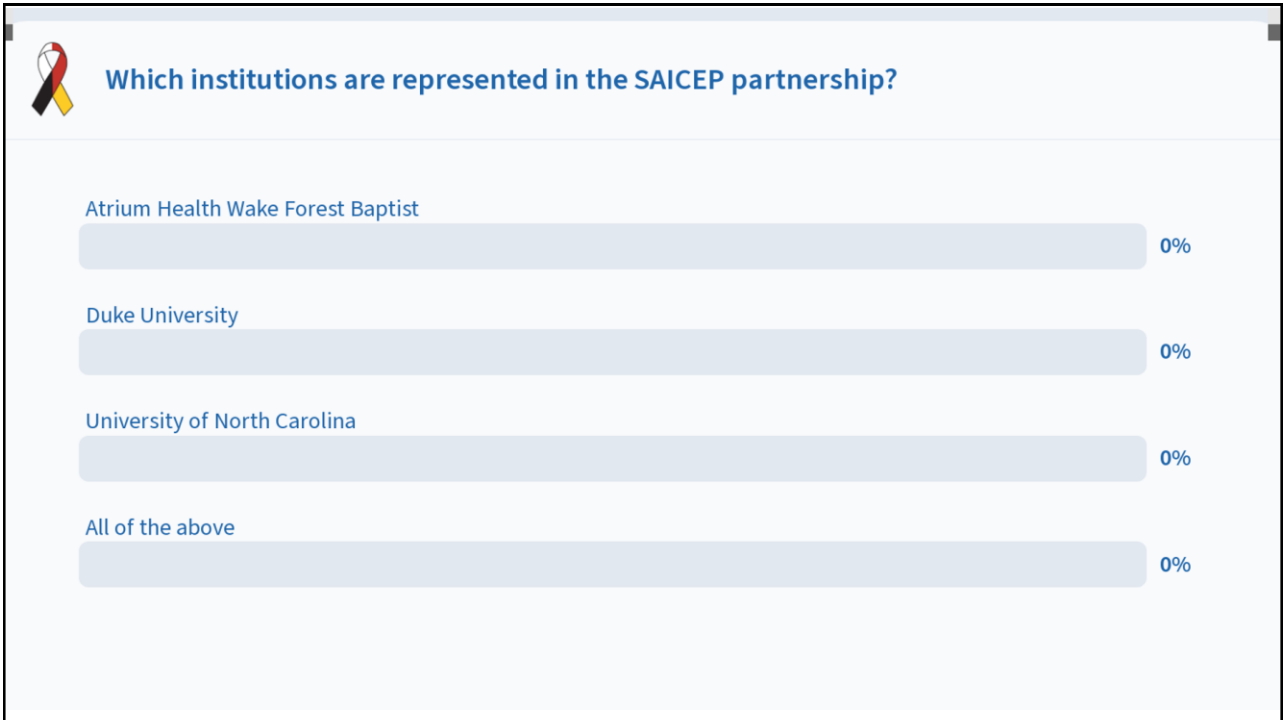
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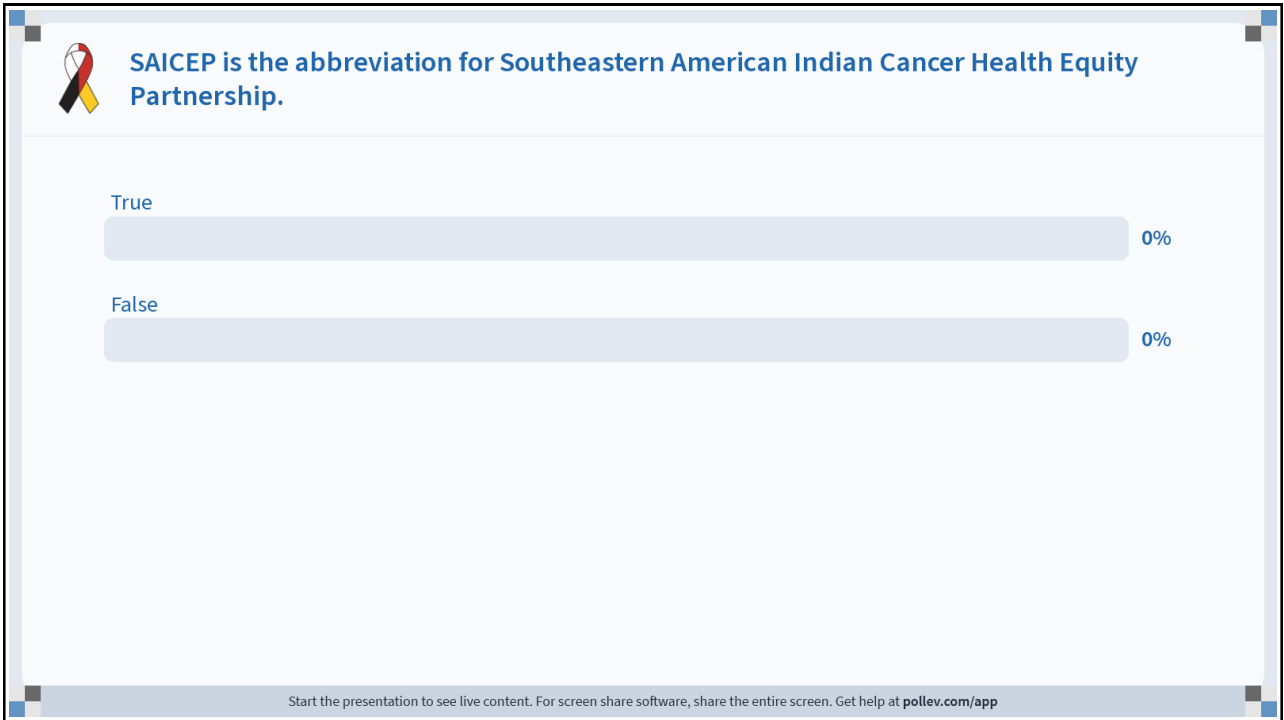
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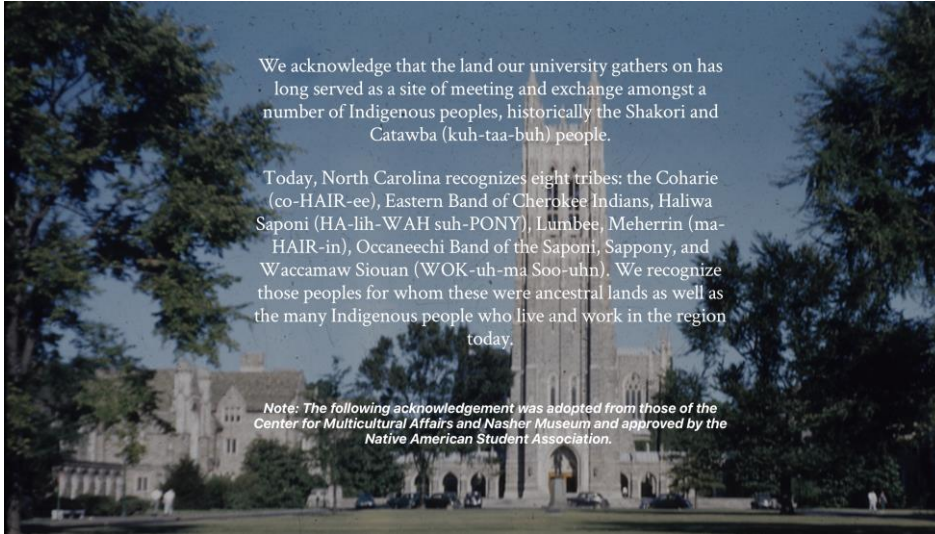
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In North Carolina:

Cancer was the

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leading cause of death for American Indians in our state

Approx.

200

NC Native citizens die each year from cancer

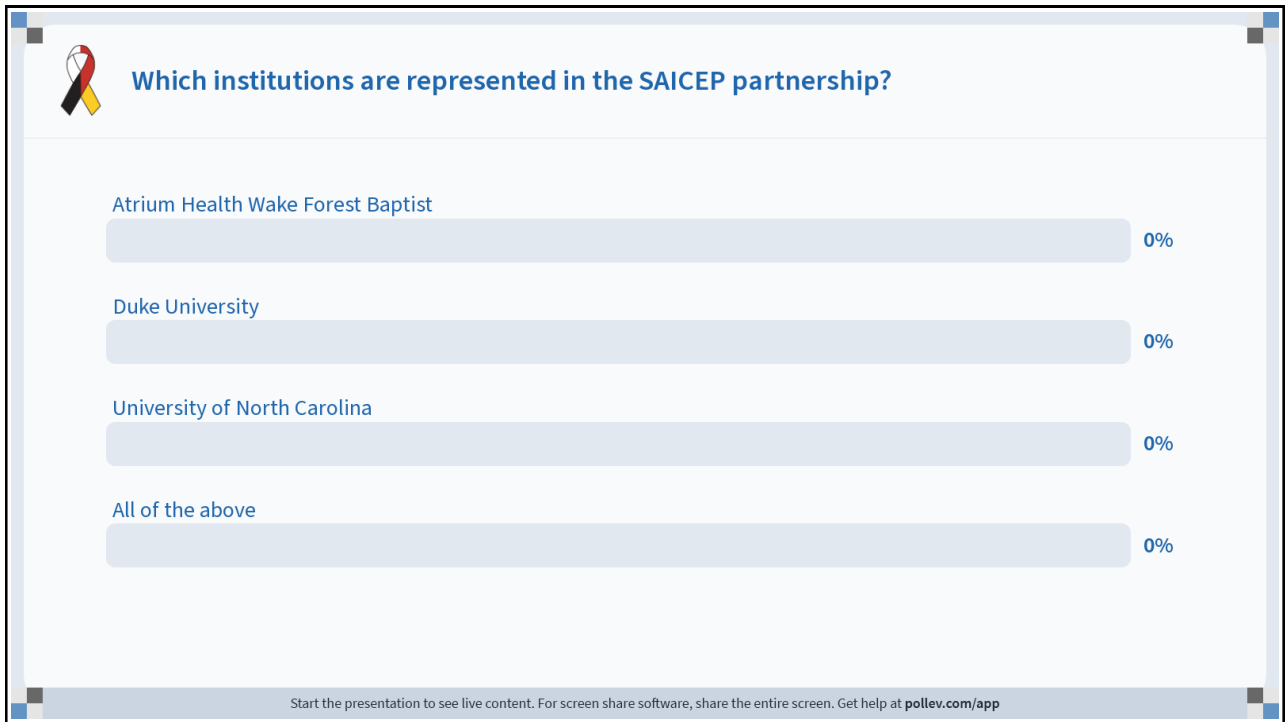
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American Indians in NC are diagnosed with cancer each year



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SAICEP Goals:

- 1 To increase awareness of cancer health needs of American Indian populations
- 2 To expand access to cancer health education and build community capacity to address cancer health needs
- 3 To develop collaborative research and community relationships to better understand and address the cancer burden in American Indian communities

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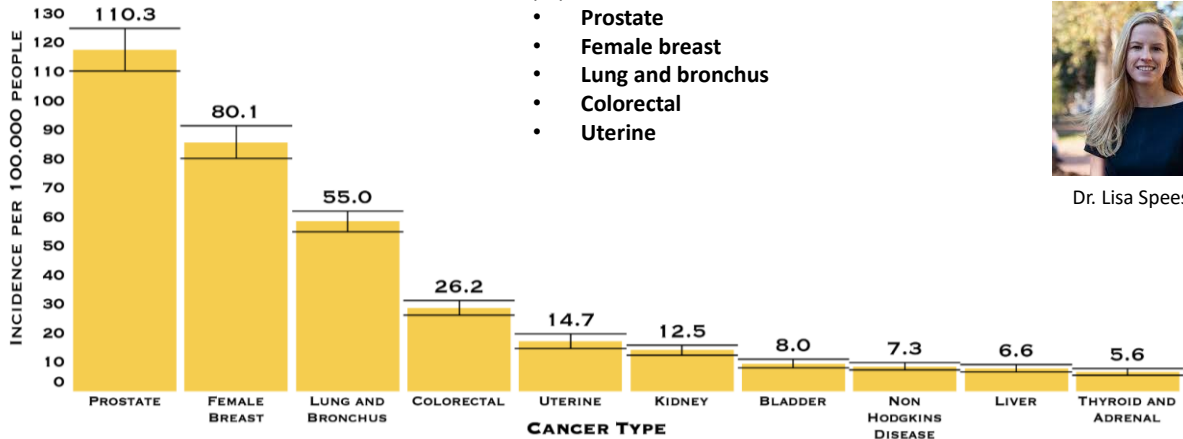
Cancer incidence among AI population

The 5 most frequently diagnosed cancers among the AI population were

- Prostate
- Female breast
- Lung and bronchus
- Colorectal
- Uterine

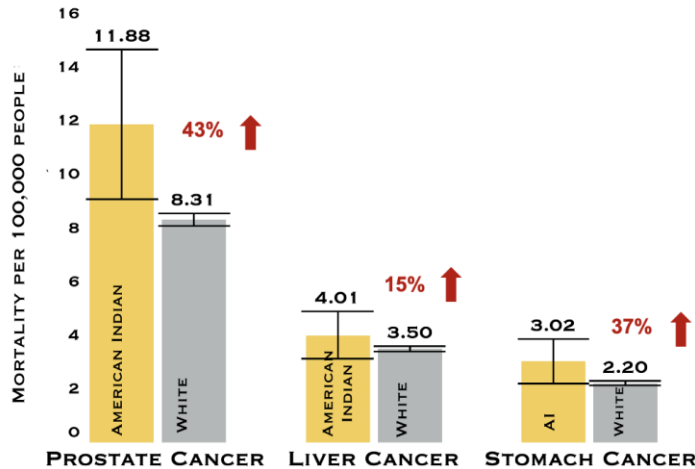


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Cancer Mortality Disparities in AI



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Which of the following is most common cause of cancer mortality among AI North Carolina communities?

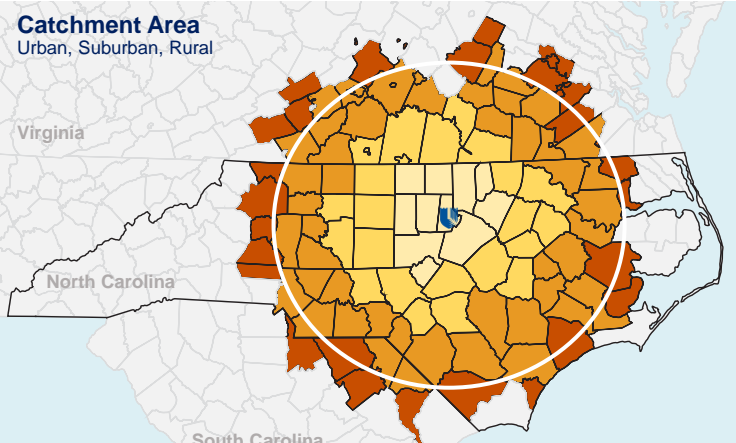
- Prostate 0%
- Breast 0%
- Lung 0%
- Colorectal 0%
- All of the above 0%

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DCI Catchment Area

Catchment Area
Urban, Suburban, Rural

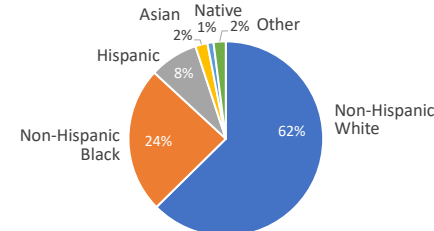


Virginia
North Carolina
South Carolina

0-60% of oncolology patients
61-75% of oncolology patients
75-85% of oncolology patients
85-90% of oncolology patients

Demographics

Race and Ethnicity



Asian 2%
Native 1%
Other 2%
Hispanic 8%
Non-Hispanic Black 24%
Non-Hispanic White 62%

Social Determinants of Health

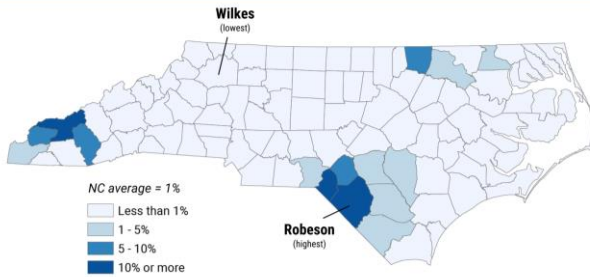
Below \$25k	25%
<12 Grade Education	16%
Urban	78%

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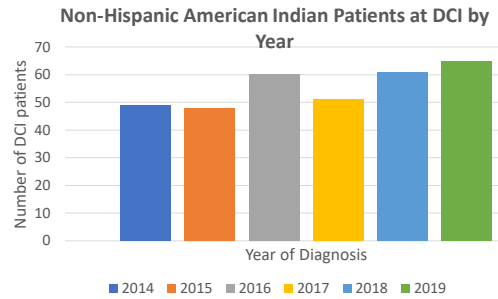
American Indian Patients in DCI Catchment Area

Share of county population that is American Indian (non-Hispanic), 2018



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

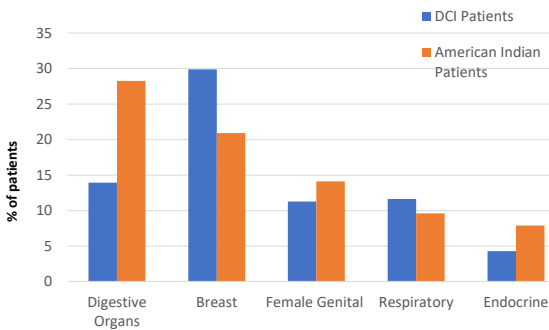
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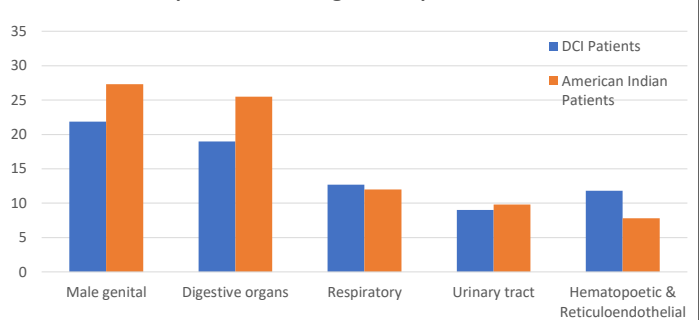
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NH-American Indian Patients at Duke Cancer Institute

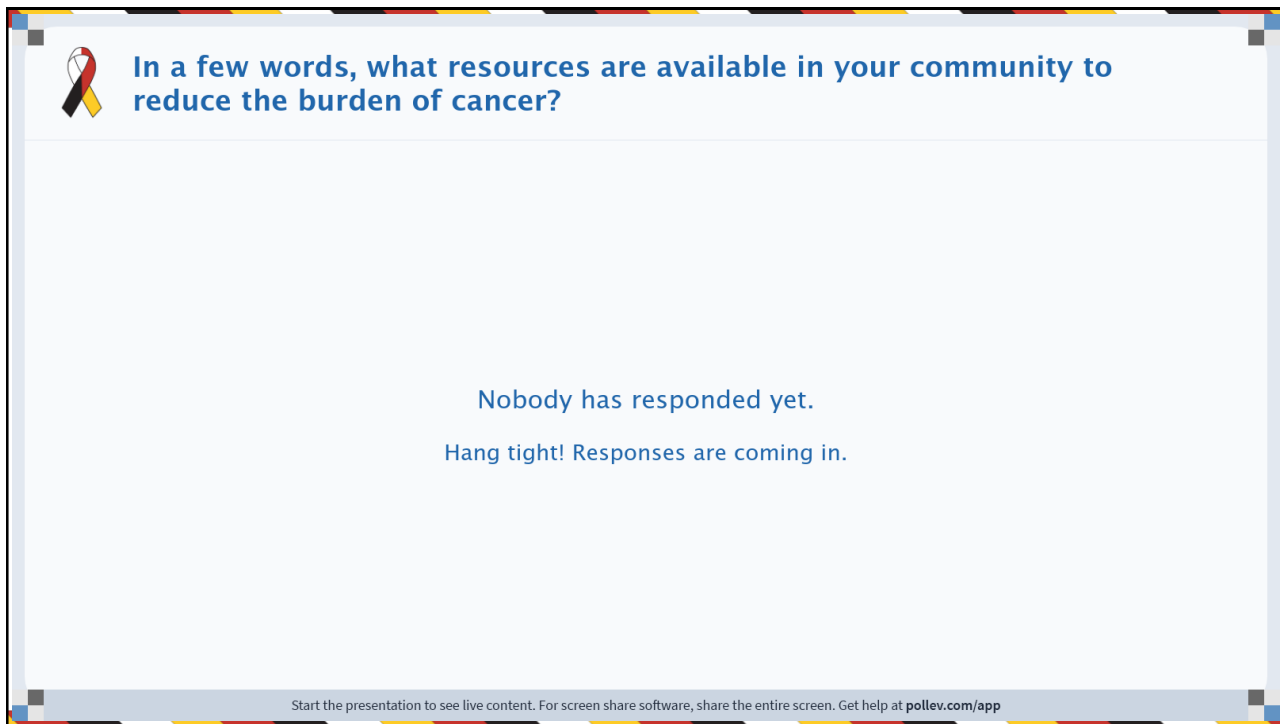
Top 5 Cancers among Female AI patients at DCI




Top 5 Cancers among Male AI patients at DCI



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 **In a few words, what resources are available in your community to reduce the burden of cancer?**

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Aim 1
Assess regional variation in cancer incidence, prevalence, stage, and mortality for NC AI populations

Aim 2
Assess cancer health information needs associated with cancer care through qualitative methods (e.g., talking circles) and survey with 3 AI communities (Lumbee, Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi)

Aim 3
Conduct AI asset mapping to identify community strengths and resources available to support cancer health equity in partnership with tribes and AI youth leaders.

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Approach

1. Qualitative and quantitative study of adults in 3 large AI communities in NC to explore cancer-related health needs
2. Building on collaborations from the Native Pathways to Health and Healing Walk project
3. Partner with tribal leaders, community members and AI facilitators to lead talking circle
4. Analyze the qualitative data to identify key themes and summarize for dissemination with tribal communities and others.
5. Develop survey questions to capture cancer-related health needs from a larger number of AI community members

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Participating Tribes

State and Federally Recognized Tribes

- Coharie (Harnett and Sampson)
- Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians (Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain)
- Haliwa-Saponi (Halifax and Warren)
- Lumbee (Hoke, Robeson and Scotland)
- Meherrin (Hertford, Northampton, Gates and Bertie)
- Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (Alamance, Caswell and Orange)
- Sappony (Person)
- Waccamaw Siouan (Bladen and Columbus) Federally Recognized

Urban Indian Organizations
(Holding membership on the NC Commission of Indian Affairs):
Cumberland County Association for Indian People
Guilford Native American Association
Metrolina Native American Association
Triangle Native American Society

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Lumbee Tribe

Coharie Tribe (Sampson and Harnett counties)

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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INTERESTED IN JOINING AN UPCOMING TALKING CIRCLE FOCUSED ON CANCER HEALTH NEEDS?

Get paid to share your voice to help researchers learn about cancer health in your tribal community.

Who is eligible?

- Age 18+
- Identify as American Indian and have membership/affiliation with one of the following tribes:
 - Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
 - Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
 - Coharie Tribe
- Speak English
- Willing to share your story about the cancer health needs in your tribal community

What to expect:

- Native-led talking circle
- About 2.5 hours in duration
- \$25 Visa giftcard incentive

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Talking Circles

- Talking circles are traditional native practices that provide a safe and equal opportunity to share personal stories on a particular topic
- Led by Native Co-facilitators
- 10-12 participants per talking circle roughly 1.5 to 2 hours in duration



Mr. Tony Locklear



Ms. Vivette Jeffries-Logan



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Coharie Talking Circle February 18th 2023, Coharie Tribal Center Clinton, NC



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