2026 CANCER SYMPOSIUM

TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW

Connecting on Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Survivorship across *Tribal Communities*

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

November 9–10, 2026

This symposium is presented by the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC), Northern Arizona University (NAU) and University of Arizona (UA) Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP), Center for Native American Cancer Health Equity (C-NACHE), and Arizona Biomedical Research Centre (ABRC) and the Indian Health Service (IHS).

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November 9-10, 2026 | Phoenix, Arizona

Continuing Education Information

The Indian Health Service National Cancer Prevention, Screening, and Care Conference will bring together a cross-section of disciplines and individuals to collaborate, discuss, and collectively identify strategies to address cancer prevention and screening best practices.

Conference Objectives:

At the end of this activity, the health care team will be able to:

1. Apply effective practices and approaches to enhance cancer prevention, screening, care, and follow-up for American Indian and Alaska Native populations.
2. Examine challenges that impact cancer survivors and caregivers and identify potential strategies to reduce barriers.
3. Apply the current IHS screening guidelines into practice for early cancer detection and screening.

Target Audience:

Healthcare teams from IHS, Tribal, and Urban programs, community health providers, and clinicians (Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Dietitians, and all other disciplines).

Guidelines for Continuing Education Credit:

- There are no fees to participate.
- Continuing Education (CE) is available for Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists, Social Workers, and Dietitians who participate in this in-person conference.

To claim continuing education credits, you must:

- Be present no later than 5 minutes from the start of each CE-approved presentation and attend the entire presentation. No partial credit will be awarded.
- Complete the online Activity Evaluation and Request for CE. The link to the evaluation will be emailed to registered participants at the close of the conference and will be available until **November 24, 2026.**
- CE Certificates will be issued by early December via email.
- To claim CE for participating in the "*Commercial Tobacco Cessation Workshop for Professionals Serving Native Communities Session*", you must attend **all Parts 1 - 4**. You will need to sign in for each session to verify attendance.
- For assistance, please contact Rachel Harvey at rachel.harvey@ihs.gov.

ACCREDITATION

In support of improving patient care, IHS Clinical Support Center is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

This activity was planned by and for the health care team, and learners will receive 9.25 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

Physicians

The IHS Clinical Support Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 9¼ hours of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses

This activity is designated up to 9.25 contact hours for nurses.

Pharmacists

This activity provides 9.25 hours of knowledge-based continuing pharmacy education credit (CPE) with the UAN JA4008177-0000-26-089-L99-P.

Credit will be uploaded to the NABP CPE Monitor within 30 days after the activity completion. It is the responsibility of the pharmacist to provide the correct information (NABP ID and DOB (MMDD) in order to receive credit.

Social Workers

As a Jointly Accredited Organization, the IHS Clinical Support Center is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive 9.25 clinical continuing education credits.

Dietitians

Commission on Dietetic Registration
the credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Completion of this RD/DTR profession-specific or IPCE activity awards CPEUs (1 IPCE credits = 1 CPEU).

If the activity is dietetics related but not targeted to RDs or DTRs, CPEUs may be claimed which are commensurate with participation in contact hours (1 hour/60 minutes = 1 CPEU).

RDs and DTRs are to select activity type 102 in their Activity Logs.

Disclosure Statement: As a jointly accredited provider of continuing education, the IHS Clinical Support Center must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in its educational activities. Course directors/coordinators, planning committee members, faculty, reviewers and all others who are in a position to control the content of this educational activity are required to disclose the existence of all financial relationships with ineligible companies within the prior 24 months. Safeguards against commercial bias have been put in place. Faculty will also disclose any off-label and/or investigational use of pharmaceuticals or instruments discussed in their presentation. All those who are in a position to control the content of this educational activity have completed the disclosure process and have indicated that they do not have any relevant financial relationships or affiliations with any manufacturers or commercial products to disclose.

There is no commercial interest support for this educational activity.

2026 CANCER SYMPOSIUM

DAY 1

November 9, 2026

AGENDA

SESSION TRACKS:

1 | PLENARY / GENERAL

2 | EARLY DETECTION

3 | PREVENTION

4 | SURVIVORSHIP

5 | OTHER SPECIAL TOPICS

6 | WELLNESS

6:30-7:00 **Fitness Fusion/Walk-Run**
Elfreida Barton, BS; Paula Carter, PhD; Theresa Clay, MS; Lena Jaques, MPH; Joe Law, BS

7:30-9:00 **Light Breakfast**

8:00-8:30 **Registration**

8:30-9:00 **Welcome and Blessing**
Darold Joseph, PhD

9:00-9:30 **Opening Plenary**
Loretta Christensen, MD, MBA, MSJ, FACS; Nicolette Teufel-Shone, PhD

9:30-10:15 **Panel Discussion - Building Native American Cancer Programs**
Melissa Buffalo, MS; Dorothy Rhoades, MD; Monica Yellowhair, PhD

10:15-10:30 **Energy Boosters - Main Room**

10:30-11:30 **Updates on Screenable Cancers**
Monica Yellowhair, PhD

11:30-12:00 **Finding Health Care App/ IHS Updates**
Loretta Christensen, MD, MBA, MSJ, FACS; LCDR Shawnell Damon, DrPH, MPH, MSc; Carlynne Worsham, MA,GISP

12:00-1:00 **Lunch on Your Own**

1:00-1:15 **Energy Boosters - Main Room**

1:15-2:05

PLENARY - 101A - 101C
Leveraging Community Engagement to Improve Cancer Outcomes on Navajo Nation
Hannah Sehn
Stacey Thompson, CCHW, MPH

EARLY DETECTION - 102 A
Research Strategies to Address Helicobacter Pylori-Associated Stomach Cancer in Tribal Communities
Dornell Pete, PhD, MPH

PREVENTION - 102 B
Taking a Shot at Cancer Prevention: HPV, HBV, and the Power of Vaccination
CAPT Holly Van Lew, PharmD, BCPS, AAHIVP

SURVIVORSHIP - 102 C
Early Detection Rooted in Culture
Melissa Buffalo, MS

OTHER - 103 A
Walking the Path Together: A CHR and Research Team Partnership, Adapting Care for Diabetes and Cancer Risk
Timian Godfrey, DNP, FNP-BC, FAAN
Sheila Hammer, MSW, LCSW
Roberta Lyons, CHR

OTHER - 103 B
Environmental Exposures from Legacy Mining as a Social Determinant of Health Linked to Kidney Cancer
Jani Ingram, PhD
Tasha Nez, MS-ESP

2:15-3:05

EARLY DETECTION - 102 A
My Health, My Choice
Julie Armin, PhD
Darold Joseph, PhD

PREVENTION - 102 B
Translating Liver Cancer Prevention into Practice
David Garcia, PhD, FACSM
Priscilla Sanderson, PhD

SURVIVORSHIP - 102 C
Delivering Comprehensive Cancer Care in the Community: Needs, Gaps, and Opportunities
Tanya Riggs, MA, BSHS

OTHER- 103 A
Using Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Research
Tommy Rock, PhD

OTHER - 103 B
Commercial Tobacco Cessation Strategies and Resources Part 1
Paula Carter, PhD
Lena Jaques, MPH
Joe Law, BS

104 - Wellness Room
Honor Board/Healing Space
Lucinda Charleston, MPH
Anna Knight, MS, APRN, FNP-C, SANE-A/P

3:15-4:05

EARLY DETECTION - 102 A
Bridging the Cancer Care Continuum: A Tribal Partnership Model for Navigation, Education, and Access to Cancer Care
Kellen Polingyumptewa, BS

PREVENTION - 102 B
The Bidirectional Relationship Between Diabetes and Cancer: From Shared Risk to Integrated, Culturally Grounded Prevention
Melinda Smith, PhD

SURVIVORSHIP - 102 C
Cancer Support in Native American Communities
Cindy Payne, EdD

OTHER - 103 A
Honoring Health, Expanding Access: Colorectal Cancer Screening in AI/AN Communities
Jess Jamison, MPH
Jonathan Stutzman, MBA
Beverly Baca, MS

OTHER - 103 B
Commercial Tobacco Cessation Strategies and Resources Part 2
Paula Carter, PhD
Lena Jaques, MPH
Joe Law, BS

104 - Wellness Room
Honor Board/Healing Space
Lucinda Charleston, MPH
Anna Knight, MS, APRN, FNP-C, SANE-A/P

4:05-4:30 **Emerging Scholar Cancer Health Equity Efforts - All Invited**
Native American Student Webinar Advisory Coalition (NASWAC) panelists

2026 CANCER SYMPOSIUM

DAY 2 November 10, 2026

AGENDA

SESSION TRACKS:

1 | PLENARY / GENERAL

2 | EARLY DETECTION

3 | PREVENTION

4 | SURVIVORSHIP

5 | OTHER SPECIAL TOPICS

6 | WELLNESS

Concurrent breakout sessions are organized by track.

6:30-7:00 **Total Body Cardio / Walk-Run**
Elfreida Barton, BS; Paula Carter, PhD; Theresa Clay, MS; Lena Jaques, MPH; Joe Law, BS

8:00-8:30 **Registration**

8:30-9:30 **Cancer and Chronic Disease: Diabetes Panel**
Jennifer Erdrich, MD, MPH, MFA, FACS, FSSO
Karen Foster-Schubert, MD, MPH
Timian Godfrey, DNP, FNP-BC,FAAN
Sheila Hammer, MSW, LCSW
Melinda Smith, PhD

9:30-10:30 **Humor Healing: A Journey of Empowerment and Healing, My Cancer Road**
James Junes

10:30-10:45 **Energy Boosters and Networking - Main Room**

10:45-11:30 **Cancer Patient Navigation Overview**
Taryn Watson, MEd

11:30-1:00 **Lunch (Provided by NAU) + Real Lives: Cancer Stories of Indigenous People Video**
Presented by the American Cancer Society

1:00-1:10 **Energy Boosters and Networking - Main Room**

1:15-2:05

PLENARY - 101A - 101C
Anal Cancer
Andrew Yu, MS, RN, ACRN (virtual)

SURVIVORSHIP - 102 B
Advancing Survivorship in Native Communities
Emily Bobyock, MPH
Jenna Calder, MS

PREVENTION - 102 C
Bridging Cancer Care and Community: Addressing Psychosocial Needs Patients
Sheila Hammer, MSW, LCSW

OTHER - 103 A
From Molecular Data to Community Benefit: Indigenous Priorities in Cancer Genomics
Nicole Halmai, PhD

OTHER - 103 B
Commercial Tobacco Cessation Strategies and Resources Part 3
Paula Carter, PhD
Lena Jaques, MPH
Joe Law, BS

104 - Wellness Room
Honor Board/Healing Space
Lucinda Charleston, MPH
Anna Knight, MS, APRN, FNP-C, SANE-A/P

2:15-3:05

PLENARY - 101A - 101C
Mayo Clinic: Patient Navigation
Eva Bighorse
Silena Thomas

EARLY DETECTION - 102 A
One Stop Cancer Shop, Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition
Elizabeth Clifford
Mark Darby, RN, APRN, MSN, FNPc, PMHNPBC

SURVIVORSHIP - 102 B
Roots of Resilience: Tulalip Tribes Cancer Survivorship and Cultural Healing Initiative
Karen Foster-Schubert, MD, MPH
Gary Ferguson, ND
Veronica Leahy, DCES

PREVENTION - 102 C
American Indian Cancer Treatment Network
Jeff Tomhave, JD

OTHER - 103 A
Cancer Advocacy 101
Brian Hummell
Cristianne Scherrer

OTHER - 103 B
Commercial Tobacco Cessation Strategies and Resources Part 4
Paula Carter, PhD
Lena Jaques, MPH
Joe Law, BS

3:05-3:15 **Energy Boosters - Main Room**

3:20-3:50 **Four Directions Discussion/Closing**
Julie Armin, PhD; LCDR Shawnell Damon, DrPH, MPH, MSc; Carol Goldtooth, MPH

Healing Space - Room 104

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Session Tracking Form

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This tracking form will help you complete the online activity evaluation and CE credit request. Please keep handy.

Select the sessions you attend:	CE Hours Awarded	Check Sessions Attended
Monday, November9, 2026		
Plenary: Panel Discussion - Building Native American Indian Cancer Programs	0.75	
Plenary: Updates on Screenable Cancers	1.00	
Plenary: Finding Health Care App/ IHS Updates	0.50	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (1:15 pm – 2:05 pm) – choose one:		
• Leveraging Community Engagement to Improve Cancer Outcomes on Navajo Nation **(No CE)**	0.75	
• Early Detection Rooted in Culture		
• Research Strategies to Address Helicobacter Pylori-Associated Stomach Cancer in Tribal Communities		
• Walking the Path Together: A CHR and Research Team Partnership Adapting Care for Diabetes and Cancer Risk		
• Taking a Shot at Cancer Prevention: HPV, HBV, and the Power of Vaccination		
• Environmental Exposures from Legacy Mining as a Social Determinant of Health Linked to Kidney Cancer		
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (2:15 pm – 3:05 pm) – choose one:		
• My Health, My Choice	0.75	
• Using Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Research		
• Translating Liver Cancer Prevention into Practice		
• Commercial Tobacco Cessation Workshop for Professionals Serving Native Communities Part 1		
• Delivering Comprehensive Cancer Care in the Community: Needs, Gaps, and Opportunities		
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (3:15 pm – 4:05 pm) – choose one:		
• Bridging the Cancer Care Continuum: A Tribal Partnership Model for Navigation, Education, and Access to Cancer Care	0.75	
• Honoring Health, Expanding Access: Colorectal Cancer Screening in AIAN Communities **(No CE)**		
• The Bidirectional Relationship Between Diabetes and Cancer: From Shared Risk to Integrated, Culturally Grounded Prevention		
• Commercial Tobacco Cessation Workshop for Professionals Serving Native Communities Part 2		
• Cancer Support in Native American Communities		
Tuesday, November 10, 2026		
Plenary: Cancer and Chronic Disease: Diabetes Panel	1.00	
Plenary: Humor Healing: A Journey of Empowerment and Healing, My Cancer Road	1.00	
Plenary: Cancer Patient Navigation Overview	0.75	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (1:15 pm – 2:05 pm) – choose one:		
• Anal Cancer	0.75	
• Bridging Cancer Care and Community: Addressing Psychosocial Needs Patients		
• Oral and Oropharyngeal Cancer: Risk Factors, Prevention, and Treatment		
• From Molecular Data to Community Benefit: Indigenous Priorities in Cancer Genomics		
• Advancing Survivorship in Native Communities		
• Commercial Tobacco Cessation Workshop for Professionals Serving Native Communities Part 3		
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (2:15 pm – 3:05 pm) – choose one:		
• Mayo Clinic: Patient Navigation	0.75	
• American Indian Cancer Treatment Network		
• One Stop Cancer Shop, Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition		
• Cancer Advocacy 101		
• Roots of Resilience: Tulalip Tribes Cancer Survivorship and Cultural Healing Initiative		
• Commercial Tobacco Cessation Workshop for Professionals Serving Native Communities Part 4		
Plenary: Four Directions Discussion	0.50	

The online course evaluation and CE request link will be emailed to attendees

“Together for Tomorrow” Cancer Symposium

Evaluation Survey

https://tinyurl.com/Together-for-Tomorow-Eval

INSTRUCTIONS:
At the completion of your conference attendance, complete the evaluation survey once. To access the survey, open your camera on your smart phone and click on the link that appears **or** use the link provided above. Questions can be sent to Kelly.Laurila@nau.edu

If you are seeking Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits for your participation the required questions/informationare included in this survey link.