



Mission

To alleviate the unequal burden of cancer among Native Americans of the Southwest through research, training, and community outreach programs in collaboration with the communities we serve.

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The Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP) is a partnership of Native American communities, Northern Arizona University, the University of Arizona Cancer Center, and the National Cancer Institute to address cancer health disparities in Native Americans.

Greetings!

In this issue, Dr. Andrew Kraft begins a new series to give insights on cancer. Dr. Kraft has devoted his career as a physician to the care of cancer patients. In each monthly article he will provide information about a different type of cancer. We hope that you enjoy reading this new series and other NACP updates.

Jani Ingram

Francine Gachupin

Jason Wilder

Margaret Briebl

Insights on Sarcoma from Dr. Andrew Kraft

Dr. Kraft explains that is possible to develop cancer of the muscle, joints, tendons and even fat. These rare tumors of the tissue that connects our organs are called sarcomas. Sarcomas differ from many cancers in that they can occur at any age, from young children to adults in their 80s. Like many cancers, sarcomas, if caught early, can be cured by surgery with the addition of radiation therapy. Once spread, this cancer can be slow growing so there is time to seek additional therapy. *If you feel a lump do not ignore it!* The University of Arizona Cancer Center has a specialized team to treat sarcomas. You can get answers to any questions you have about sarcoma or other cancers through the Cancer Center's Call Center at 520-694-2873.

Congratulations Dr. Ray Reid



Dr. Reid at the 2018 PSC Meeting

NACP congratulates Ray Reid, MD, former member of our Program Steering Committee and member of the Navajo Nation, for being named the 2021 Johns Hopkins Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award. The award honors alumni who typify Johns Hopkins tradition of excellence and bring credit to their university by their personal accomplishments, professional achievements, or humanitarian service. Dr. Reid is a long time faculty member of the Johns Hopkins Medical School. He has worked in Native American community health for many years on infectious diseases, particularly in the area of vaccine development to combat Haemophilus influenza and pneumococcus. This honor is richly deserved.

Congratulations Allan Paxson

Allan Paxson (Hopi and White Mountain Apache) is an undergraduate student who has been mentored by Drs. Francine Gachupin and Robin Harris. His research project was selected as the winning entry in the category of Applied Research/Community Project during a competition in the University of Arizona Honors college. Allan's project is titled, *Non-scientific interpretations of COVID-19 information for Hopi communities.*



Congratulations Allan Paxson (cont.)



Allan Paxson


The project is intended to bridge the gap between Native American communities and science. It was inspired by Allan’s observation of a lack of understandable information pertaining to COVID-19 in the Hopi community. He wanted to decipher the difficult concepts of COVID-19 into more understandable, non-scientific language. Allan’s project consists of narratives which will be compiled into a magazine format that cover the topics of: Background Information, Prevention Techniques, Vaccines, Variants, and an answer to the question, *What next* for the COVID-19 pandemic. A notable community connection component of this project is the incorporation of Hopi language. It is currently in the process of dissemination, via the funding of local Hopi sponsor, and will be available to the Hopi community soon.

Navajo Healthy Stomach Project’s Radio Forum

Tune into KTNN for our Special Radio Forum...

"INTRODUCING THE NAVAJO COVID-19 IMPACT STUDY"

Hosted By




On May 18, 2021, the NACP Navajo Healthy Stomach Project team presented a forum and a live Q&A in Diné Bizaad (Navajo) and English on KTNN, a Navajo Nation radio station. The forum was broadcast across the Navajo Nation, Four Corners Region, and online. The discussion informed listeners about the COVID-19 Impact Study, which seeks to understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on access, usage, and quality of health care on the Navajo Nation.

The team accomplished the radio forum 100% virtually during the pandemic. While that came with extra challenges, feedback from the public indicated that it was well-received. The team communicated effectively with the audience at the grassroots level through two fluent Diné translators. A listener from Dilkon, AZ, commented that, “(t)he translators did an amazing job and the forum was easy to follow .” Another listener from Black Mesa, AZ, commented that, “My 90-year old mother who speaks only Diné listened to the forum— Job well done.” Let’s celebrate how well the NACP team was able to communicate complicated information back to the community!

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
6–8 pm, MDT
KTNN AM 660
FM 101.5

Tune in and **SEND A QUESTION** to our Panelists using your phone or email:
TEXT or CALL: (928) 224-9441
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Radio Forum Panelists:


Dr. Robin Harris, UA, Lead PI, Cancer Prevention

Dr. Heidi Brown, UA, Co-Lead, Infectious Disease

Dr. Priscilla Sanderson, NAU, Co-PI, Cancer Prevention





Al Yazzie, Community Engagement Liaison

Mae-Gilene Begay, Navajo CHR Program Manager



* Moderated by: **Carmenlita Chief**, NAU, (Community Engagement Lead)
* Diné Translators: **Al Yazzie & Tasha Nez**, NAU, (Program Coordinator)

For More Information about the COVID-19 Study:
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