



### AGENDA

**Purpose:** To bring together a cross-section of disciplines and individuals to collaborate, discuss, and collectively identify strategies to address cancer prevention and screening best practices.

**Learning Objectives:** At the end of the conference, participants will be able to:

1. Share the IHS Comprehensive Cancer Blueprint to inform effective practices and approaches to enhance cancer prevention, screening, care, and follow-up serving American Indian and Alaska Native populations.
2. Examine challenges that impact cancer survivors and caregivers and identify potential strategies to reduce barriers.
3. Identify and connect with new collaborative partners to strategize approaches to support health and wellness initiatives.
4. Apply the current IHS screening guidelines into practice for early cancer detection and screening.

### Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – Preconference Workshops

Time (CT time zone)	Title/Session
9:00 am – 11:30 am  Room: Bergen 2-3	<b>Cancer Patient Navigation</b> <i>Lucinda Charleston, MPH, Bemidji Area Indian Health Service</i> <i>LCDR Shawnell Damon, MPH, MSc, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Megan Russell, BS, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Emily Tahy-Ceballos, Ed.D, Indian Health Service</i>
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  Room: Scandinavian 4	<b>CATCH My Breath: Vape Prevention</b> <i>Paula Carter, PhD, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Lena Jaques, MPH, Indian Health Service</i>
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  Room: Denmark Commons	<b>A Comprehensive Toolkit to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates</b> <i>Alberta Becenti, MPH, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Anna Knight, MS, APRN, FNP-C, Indian Health Service</i> <i>LCDR Whitney Moseley, MS, RN, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Scott Robison, M.Ed., Indian Health Service</i> <i>Taryn Watson, M.Ed., Indian Health Service</i>
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  Room: New Sweden 1-2	<b>Basic Tobacco Intervention Skills Certification Training for Native Communities</b> <i>Theresa Clay, MS, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service</i> <i>Joe Law, BS, Portland Area Indian Health Service</i>

## Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Time (CT time zone)	Title/Session
6:00 am – 6:45 am Room: Bergen 1	<b>Wellness Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Zumba for Beginners – Elfreida Barton</i></li> <li>• <i>Starting Your Day with walk/run – Theresa Clay &amp; Taryn Watson</i></li> </ul>
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>Registration</b>
8:00 am – 9:30 am Room: Scandinavian 2-3 (Hybrid Session)	<b>Opening Prayer</b> <i>Robert DesJarlai, Cancer Survivor &amp; Elder</i>  <b>Welcome</b> <i>Christopher Poole, DHA, LCSW, Bemidji Area Indian Health Service</i>  <b>Hope, Resiliency, and Determination: Cancer Survivor Panelist</b> <i>Moderator: Anna Knight, MS, APRN, FNP-C, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Matthew Begay, Panelist</i> <i>Pamila Belgarde, Panelist</i> <i>Dr. Daniel Calac, Panelist</i> <i>Deyla Yazzie, Panelist</i>  <b>Healing Song</b> <i>Miziway-Migizi DesJarlai</i>
9:30 am – 10:30 am Room: Scandinavian 2-3 (Hybrid Session)	<b>IHS Cancer Prevention and Treatment Initiative: Screening Begins in the Community</b> <i>Loretta Christensen, MD, MBA, MSJ, FACS, Chief Medical Officer, IHS</i>  <b>Cancer Incidence and Disparities in American Indian and Alaska Native Populations</b> <i>Melissa Jim, MPH, Centers for Disease Control &amp; Prevention</i> <i>Stephanie Melkonian, PhD, Centers for Disease Control &amp; Prevention</i>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<b>Break</b>
10:45 am – 12:00 pm Room: Scandinavian 4  Room: Scandinavian 1	<b>Breakout Session A</b>  <b>A1 – Understanding Traditional Ecological Knowledge Research for and by Dine-Abandoned Uranium Mines/Mill Exposure in the Navajo Nation</b> <i>Tommy Rock, PhD, Northern Arizona University</i>  <b>A2 – Using Multiple Approaches to Improve Colorectal Screening</b> <i>LCDR Andrea Polson, RN, BSN, Wewoka Indian Health Center</i> <i>Scott Robison, M.Ed., Wewoka Indian Health Center</i>

Room: Norway	<b>A3 – Purchased/Referred Care, Billing &amp; Quality: Access to Cancer Care and Resources</b> <i>Loretta Christensen, MD, MBA, MSJ, FACS, Chief Medical Officer, IHS</i>
Room: New Sweden 1-2	<b>A4 – Providing Compassionate Cancer Care within the Four Sacred Mountains</b> <i>Tanya “T.J.” Riggs, BSHS, MA, Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation</i>
Room: Bergen 2-3	<b>A5 – Strengthening Awareness and Community Resources for Early Detection of Lung Cancer through Navigation Guided Screening (SACRED LUNGS Study)</b> <i>Casey Walsh, PhD, MSW, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center</i>
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Breakout Session B</b>
Room: Scandinavian 4 (Hybrid Session)	<b>B1 – Overview of Public Health Concerns Surrounding Abandoned Uranium Mines: From Miners to Community Members Living Near Waste Sites</b> <i>Chris Shuey, MPH, Southwest Research and Information Center</i>
Room: Scandinavian 1	<b>B2 (Repeat) – Using Multiple Approaches to Improve Colorectal Screening</b> <i>LCDR Andrea Polson, RN, BSN, Wewoka Indian Health Center</i> <i>Scott Robison, M.Ed., Wewoka Indian Health Center</i>
Room: Norway	<b>B3 – HPV Vaccine: Your Shot at Preventing Cancer</b> <i>Amanda Bruegl, MD, MCR, Oregon Health Science University Knight Cancer Institute</i> <i>*No CE Credits Available</i>  <i>All individuals should consult with their health care providers to understand their options regarding vaccinations.</i>
Room: New Sweden 1-2	<b>B4 (Repeat) – Providing Compassionate Cancer Care within the Four Sacred Mountains</b> <i>Tanya “T.J.” Riggs, BSHS, MA, Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation</i>
Room: Bergen 2-3	<b>B5 – Walking Together: Susan G. Komen’s Commitment to Honoring Tribal Values, Advancing Breast Cancer Equity through Partnership and Innovation</b> <i>Carlita McIlwain, MHA, MBA, Susan B. Koman</i>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Breakout Session C</b>
Room: Scandinavian 4 (Hybrid Session)	<b>C1 – Navigation and Artificial Intelligence Technology for Indigenous Virtual Education on Smoking Cessation</b> <i>Margarita Santiago-Torres, PhD, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center</i>

Room: Scandinavian 1	<b>C2 – Innovative Tribal Research Strategies to Address Helicobacter Pylori-Associated Stomach Cancer</b> <i>Dornell Pete, PhD, MPH, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center</i>
Room: Norway	<b>C3 – The Relationship Between Food and Nutrition Insecurity and Cancer</b> <i>Stacy Hammer, MPH, RDN, LD, Indian Health Service</i>
Room: New Sweden 1-2	<b>C4 – Gallup Indian Medical Center Office of Native Medicine Traditional Healing</b> <i>Sheila Goldtooth, MA, Gallup Indian Medical Center</i>
Room: Bergen 2-3	<b>C5 – Screen Our Circle</b> <i>LaToya Brave Heart, MPH, American Indian Cancer Foundation</i> <i>Jessica Deaton, RN, BSN, MHA, American Indian Cancer Foundation</i>
4:00 pm – 4:10 pm	<b>Break</b>
4:10 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>Breakout Session D</b>
Room: Scandinavian 4 (Hybrid Session)	<b>D1 – Improving Liver Health Disparities in Native American Populations</b> <i>David Garcia, PhD, FACSM, Northern Arizona University</i> <i>Priscilla Sanderson, PhD, Northern Arizona University</i>
Room: Scandinavian 1	<b>D2 – Quality Improvement to Increase Cancer Screening and Early Detection</b> <i>Celena Donohue, BA, CD Consulting</i>
Room: Norway	<b>D3 (Repeat) – The Relationship Between Food and Nutrition Insecurity and Cancer</b> <i>Stacy Hammer, MPH, RDN, LD, Indian Health Service</i>
Room: New Sweden 1-2	<b>D4 (Repeat) – Gallup Indian Medical Center Office of Native Medicine Traditional Healing</b> <i>Sheila Goldtooth, MA, Gallup Indian Medical Center</i>
Room: Bergen 2-3	<b>D5 (Repeat) – Screen Our Circle</b> <i>LaToya Brave Heart, MPH, American Indian Cancer Foundation</i> <i>Jessica Deaton, RN, BSN, MHA, American Indian Cancer Foundation</i>
5:30 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>

**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

<b>Time (CT time zone)</b>	<b>Title/Session</b>
6:00 am – 6:45 am Room Bergen 1	<b>Wellness Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Starting Your Day with walk/run – Elfreida Barton &amp; Theresa Clay</i></li> <li>• <i>Tai Chi or Yoga – TBA</i></li> </ul>
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>Registration</b>
8:00 am – 9:00 am Room: Scandinavian 2-3 (Hybrid Session)	<b>Welcome and Recap of Day 2</b> <i>Michelle Archuleta, MA, MS, Indian Health Service</i>  <b>Providing Care, Support, and Comfort: Cancer Caregiver Panelist</b> <i>Moderator: Anna Knight, MS, APRN, FNP-C, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Michelle Archuleta, Panelist</i> <i>Sherman Begay, Panelist</i> <i>Tawna Kee, Panelist</i>
9:00 am – 10:00 am Room: Scandinavian 2-3 (Hybrid Session)	<b>Building Bidirectional Partnerships with Indigenous Communities to Improve Cancer Outcomes</b> <i>Dorothy Rhoades, MD, MPH, Director, Native American Center of Cancer Health Excellence and Professor of Medicine, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences</i>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Break</b>
10:15 am – 11:30 am Room: Scandinavian 2-3 (Hybrid Session)	<b>Voices from the Frontlines: Insights from Cancer Care Centers</b> <i>Moderator: Emily Tahy-Ceballos, EDD, MPH, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Julie HT Dang, PhD, MPH, University of California, Davis, Panelist</i> <i>Craig Dee, MPH, Fred Hutchison Cancer Center, Panelist</i> <i>Dorothy Rhoades, MD, MPH, Director, Native American Center of Cancer Health Excellence and Professor of Medicine, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences, Panelist</i> <i>Corinna Sabaque, MPH, Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, Panelist</i>
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm Room: Scandinavian 4 (Hybrid Session)  Room: Scandinavian 1	<b>Breakout Session E</b>  <b>E1 – Panelist Discussion: Early Onset Colorectal Cancer in American Indian and Alaska Native Populations</b> <i>Lucinda Charleston, MPH, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Angela Rosé Monetathchi, BS, University of Arizona</i> <i>Scott Robison, M.Ed., Indian Health Service</i>  <b>E2 – Cancer, the New Diabetes: Bridging Gaps in the Cancer Journey</b> <i>Tracee Barton, RN, BSN, MSN, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic</i> <i>Kathleen Gray, RN, OPN-CG, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic</i> <i>Jennifer Ontiveros, RN, BSN, CCM, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic</i>

Room: Norway	<b>E3 – Cancer in Native American Children</b> <i>Katherine Whitney, MSN, CPNP, CPHON, Indian Health Service</i>
Room: New Sweden 1-2	<b>E4 – Cancer Prevention Initiatives in Arizona</b> <i>Julie Armin, PhD, University of Arizona Tucson</i> <i>Carol Goldtooth, MPH, Northern Arizona University</i>
Room: Bergen 2-3	<b>E5 – Networking and Building Community in Cancer Care Throughout the Alaska Tribal Health System</b> <i>Jalisa Ingram, MA, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium</i> <i>Claire Siekaniec, MS, RD, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium</i>
2:10 pm – 3:25 pm	<b>Breakout Session F</b>
Room: Scandinavian 4 (Hybrid Session)	<b>F1 (Repeat) – Panelist Discussion: Early Onset Colorectal Cancer in American Indian and Alaska Native Populations</b> <i>Lucinda Charleston, MPH, Indian Health Service</i> <i>Angela Rosé Monetathchi, BS, University of Arizona</i> <i>Scott Robison, M.Ed., Indian Health Service</i>
Room: Scandinavian 1	<b>F2 (Repeat) – Cancer, the New Diabetes: Bridging Gaps in the Cancer Journey</b> <i>Tracee Barton, RN, BSN, MSN, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic</i> <i>Kathleen Gray, RN, OPN-CG, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic</i> <i>Jennifer Ontiveros, RN, BSN, CCM, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic</i>
Room: Norway	<b>F3 (Repeat) – Cancer in Native American Children</b> <i>Katherine Whitney, MSN, CPNP, CPHON, Indian Health Service</i>
Room: New Sweden 1-2	<b>F4 (Repeat) – Cancer Prevention Initiatives in Arizona</b> <i>Julie Armin, PhD, University of Arizona Tucson</i> <i>Carol Goldtooth, MPH, Northern Arizona University</i>
Room: Bergen 2-3	<b>F5 (Repeat) – Networking and Building Community in Cancer Care Throughout the Alaska Tribal Health System</b> <i>Jalisa Ingram, MA, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium</i> <i>Claire Siekaniec MS, RD, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium</i>
3:25 pm – 3:40 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:40 pm – 4:40 pm	<b>Breakout Session G</b>
Room: Scandinavian 4 (Hybrid Session)	<b>G1 – Men’s Health Matters: Breaking Barriers to Cancer Prevention in Native Communities</b> <i>Kellen Polingyumtewa, BS, Hopi Tribe Cancer Support Services</i>
Room: Scandinavian 1	<b>G2 – You Can Help Reduce Your Cancer Risk</b> <i>Jesus Barrera, MHA, American Cancer Society</i>

Room: Norway	<b>G3 – Advance Directive &amp; End of Life Care</b> <i>Karri Bigboy, American Indian Cancer Foundation</i>
Room: New Sweden 1-2	<b>G4 – Anal Cancer Prevention and Screening</b> <i>Andrew Yu, MS, RN, ACRN, Indian Health Service</i>
Room: Bergen 2-3	<b>G5 – Preventing Commercial Tobacco Use in Southern California Tribal Communities</b> <i>Daniel Calac, MD, Indian Health Council, Inc.</i> <i>Chase Kornacki, BS, Indian Health Council, Inc.</i>

**Friday, August 15, 2025**

<b>Time (CT time zone)</b>	<b>Title/Session</b>
6:00 am – 6:45 am Room: Bergen 1	<b>Wellness Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Staying Well with Circuit Movements – Elfreida Barton</i></li> <li>• <i>Starting Your Day with walk/run – Lisa Chee &amp; Lena Jaques</i></li> </ul>
8:15 am – 9:15 am Room: Scandinavian 2-3 (Hybrid Session)	<b>Welcome and Recap of Day 3</b> <i>Taryn Watson, M.Ed., Indian Health Service</i>  <b>Addressing Alcohol and Tobacco for Cancer Prevention and Control</b> <i>David Berrigan, PhD, MPH, National Cancer Institute</i>
9:15 am – 10:00 am Room: Scandinavian 2-3 (Hybrid Session)	<b>Uniting for Impact: A Panel on Cancer Prevention and Collaborative Care</b> <i>Moderator: Carol Goldtooth, MPH, Northern Arizona University</i> <i>Jesus Barrera, MHA, American Cancer Society</i> <i>Melissa Buffalo, MS, American Indian Cancer Foundation</i> <i>Whitney Ann Henry, BS, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center</i> <i>Carlita McIlwain, MBA, Susan G. Komen</i>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Break</b>
10:15 am – 11:00 am Room: Scandinavian 2-3 (Hybrid Session)	<b>Regional Roundtable Discussion</b> <i>Alaska, Portland, Billings: Joe Law, &amp; Claire Siekaniec</i> <i>Great Plains, Bemidji, Nashville: Lucinda Charleston</i> <i>California, Tucson, Phoenix: Michelle Archuleta, Emily Tahy-Ceballos, Anna Knight</i> <i>Navajo, Oklahoma, Albuquerque: Megan Russell, Lisa Chee, Lena Jaques</i>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Room: Scandinavian 2-3 (Hybrid Session)	<b>Regional Feedback</b> <i>LCDR Shawnell Damon, MPH, MSc, Indian Health Service</i>  <b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Alberta Becenti, MPH, Indian Health Service</i>
12:00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>