

# Introduction to Special Issue on Cancer Health Disparities in Native Americans

I am very pleased to serve as the Guest Editor for this special edition of Cancer Health Disparities focussing on American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) populations. The majority of these articles were presented initially as part of our Spirit of Eagles Community Networks Program at our national conference held at Niagara Falls, New York in September 2017. This conference was co-sponsored by the Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center and Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Over 300 community members, providers, survivors, researchers and policy makers from across the country attended as well as colleagues from Canada, Australia and New Zealand!

We want to recognize the important work being done in AIAN communities covering all aspects of disparities including social, cultural, behavioral, environmental and other determinants contributing to differences in cancer incidence, prevalence, death, survivorship and the burden of cancer.

The range of topics in this edition range from prevention and screening to end of life care—the full continuum of cancer care!

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