Enhancing Participation of Native Americans in RT Therapy Clinical Trials
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Walking Forward
NA Patient Navigation Program

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Goals and Objectives of Native American Patient Navigator Program

- Cancer Disparities Research Partnership Program
- Mentor Institutions: University of Wisconsin, Mayo Clinic Rochester
- Develop capacity and infrastructure to support research and participation in Radiation Therapy and other clinical trials
Goals and Objectives

- Developing consistent model of navigation to ensure a culturally responsive program that fosters trust
- Incorporating Cultural components to program i.e., referrals to Traditional Healers for Ceremonial activities
- Encouraging dialogue with Providers and Healers to enhance trust and consistency
Goals and Objectives

- Engagement at all levels of Tribal Structure, Tribal Council, Health Boards and Committees, IHS Administration and Providers
- Community Education Modules and Outreach
- Developing dialogue about cancer and capacity and infrastructure to support research
Goals and Objectives

- Community Cancer Survey 984/1000
- Cancer Patient Survey 120 NA/ 141 Non NA
- 283 NA Navigated pts
- Clinical Trials NA 77 Non NA 573
- Focus group 39 NA community members
- 5 years accrual
**Patient Navigator Program**

- Kevin Molloy RN Clinical Research Coordinator/ Patient Navigator
- Speaks conversational Lakota
- Background: Diploma RN, Certified Critical Care RN, Cardiac Cath Lab, Interventional Radiology, Electrophysiology Team Leader, Cultural Diversity Committee Founder
- 30+ years working and participating in Cultural activities in South Dakota reservation communities. Speaks some Lakota
- Training for Navigation developed by Harold Freeman MD.
- Consultation provided by Linda Burrhansstipanov MPH. Dr. PH, NACR
- Judith Kaur MD. Mayo Clinic
Patient Navigator

- Steering Committee member Northern Plains Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
- Committee member Treatment and Barriers Committee SD State CCCP
- Committee member Survivorship and End of Life Committee SD State CCCP
Patient Navigator

- David Koop RN BSE 0.5 FTE Navigator
- Patricia Kussman LPNII 0.5 FTE Navigator
- Navigation training provided by Kevin Molloy RN and CRR’s
Navigated Patients By Cancer Site 2005-2008

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Walking Forward Navigation
Enrollment Per Year

- 2004: 57
- 2005: 65
- 2006: 61
- 2007: 67
- 2008: 29
## Stage of Disease at Diagnosis
### By Cancer Site
#### 2005-2008

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Navigator Training

- Navigator role is continuously evolving nationally and regionally
- NCI Navigation Summit
- ACS Navigator training
- Cost effective navigation, community vs. clinic navigation based on needs of participants and communities
- Harold P. Freeman Navigator Institute
Patient Navigation

- Works with Research Nurses to assess eligibility for clinical trials
- Engages patient and family with ongoing needs assessments to successfully participate in clinical trial, treatment, and/or palliation
Navigator Training

- Training addressing local healthcare issues
- Developing different models of navigation, lay vs. professional
- Nurse, Social Work, Survivors, Community Health Advocates
- Potential for Advanced Practice Nurse, Physician Assistant
Patient Navigation

- Looks at all aspects of cancer care needed by participants
- Provides ongoing status assessments and supports and encourages engagement with providers
- Assists with transportation, lodging and meals for rural patients in high poverty areas
- Enhances other programs, i.e., Medicaid, Medicare, IHS CHS
- Provides ongoing patient and family education regarding potential options to meet healthcare needs
Patient Navigation

- Directly intervenes to address complex healthcare situations, i.e. Dialysis, Diabetes, other comorbid conditions affecting cancer care
- Navigators work directly with Providers to ensure adequate symptom control, pain management and follow-up
- Works with Tribal programs to develop provision of palliation and end of life care
Patient Navigation

- Cheyenne River Raylene Miner CHES fluent in Lakota
- Rosebud Caroline Spotted Tail speaks some Lakota
- Pine Ridge David Lone Elk Fluent in Lakota
- Rapid City Mary Reiner BA CCRP speaks some Lakota
- Recognizing effort made in communities