

July 1, 2020: Peer-to-Peer Sharing of Information and Updates about Cancer Screening Programs in Indian Country

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Together with the American Indian Cancer Foundation, the Prevent Cancer Foundation is proud to present this part of the Dialogue webcast on challenges and opportunities for cancer screening and prevention in Indian Country.

Objectives of the conversation:

- Share information and experiences with preventive health services, including cancer screening and prevention, in Indian Country during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This facilitated cross-disciplinary conversation held during Part 3 of the 2020 Virtual Dialogue brought together over 500 attendees from across the country working in fields related to public health and primary care, including health educators, nurses, researchers, physicians and AI/AN health professionals. Over 30% of participants polled stated they work or have experience working in AI/AN health, while others stated they were learning about this topic from the conversation.

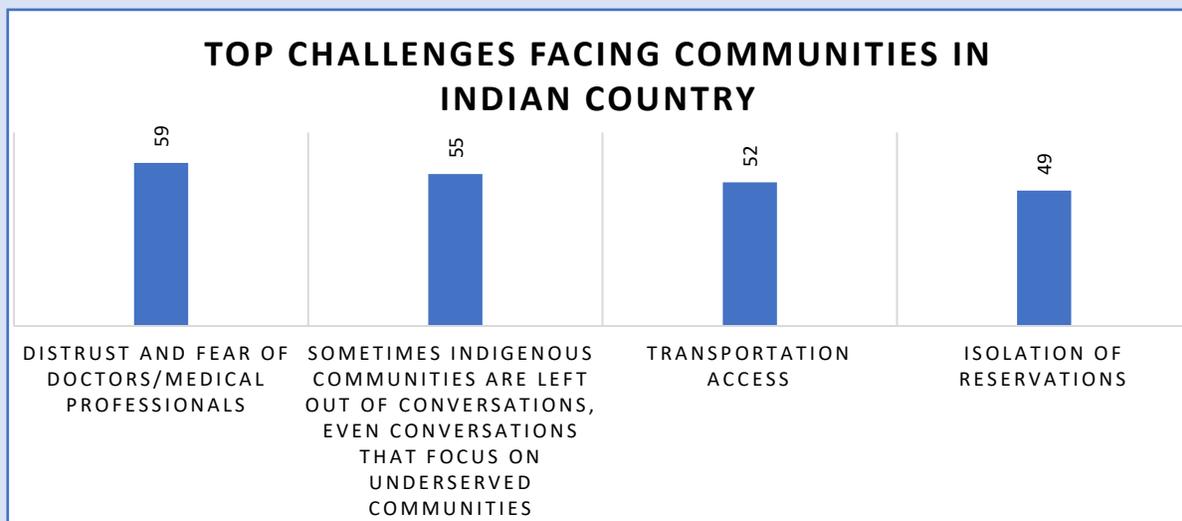
As a usual part of the in-person annual national Prevent Cancer Dialogue, these conversations have been between 20-30 participants, but this year's virtual event received input from over 100 people. These facilitated conversations lead to recommendations for action to be shared with all participants.

The poll results below are based on the discussion during this facilitated conversation: participants were asked to rank the biggest challenges facing AI/AN communities and the top strategies for meeting these challenges.

All participants were given the opportunity to vote and comment on the biggest challenges and top strategies from the discussion.

Based on votes from 104 participants, the top challenges for cancer prevention and screening in Indian Country are:

- 59 votes - Distrust and fear of doctors/medical professionals
- 55 votes - Sometimes Indigenous communities are left out of conversations, even conversations that focus on underserved communities
- 52 votes - Transportation access
- 49 votes - Isolation of reservations



Based on votes from 104 participants, the top strategies to address these challenges are:

- 62 votes - Get to know the community you work with and invest in the time to learn their cultural ways
- 35 votes - Be part of talking circles - programs that combine education and cultural activities, such as learning traditional and cultural techniques
- 34 votes - Use a van or bus to increase access to screening for people who live in remote areas

