

Indigenous communities face some of the greatest health disparities — higher rates of disease and higher mortality — from cancer, diabetes and heart disease, among others, contributing to persistent challenges in health equity. With regard to cancer, Indigenous people have higher rates of kidney, liver and cervical cancers, the highest mortality from kidney cancer and one of the lowest rates of colorectal screening than other racial or ethnic groups in the United States.

The Center for Indigenous Cancer Research Fund supports research initiatives at Roswell Park that aim to understand the complex causes of cancer health disparities among Indigenous peoples and what might be done to address them. When you give to this fund, you help advance our work to achieve health equity, where everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible.



About the Center for Indigenous Cancer Research

The Center for Indigenous Cancer Research (CICR) was founded at Roswell Park in early 2020 with an ambitious mission: To honor the values of Indigenous Knowledge, sovereignty, and respect for the environment through community-driven partnerships, collaborative research, and education, to reduce the impact of cancer on Indigenous communities regionally, nationally, and internationally. Our team works towards a culturally attuned continuum of cancer care from prevention through survivorship. We coordinate in-person and virtual education events, host health screenings, conduct research and develop action plans to address cancer health disparities.



Some of our community-based participatory research topics include:

- Cancer care continuum
- Colorectal cancer screening
- Clinical trial education
- Obesity and co-occurring conditions
- Health policy
- Research ethics
- Workplace interventions



How to Give

Donations may be made to the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation by phone, mail or online. Checks should include Center for Indigenous Cancer Research Fund in the memo line.

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To learn more about the CICR Fund, please contact CICR Director Rodney Haring, PhD, MSW at Rodney.Haring@RoswellPark.org.

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