

NATIVE AMERICANS in CLINICAL TRIALS

Clinical trials are an important way for medical doctors and scientists to gather and share knowledge. You may have heard them referred to as

a "study," or a form of "research." Clinical trials help healthcare teams and scientists to better understand ways to safely prevent, detect, and treat illnesses such as cancer. Our mission is to share information about clinical trials with Indigenous communities and afford them the opportunity to learn, express concerns, and make informed decisions about their health. Center for Indigenous Cancer Research (CICR) honors the benefits that research may offer, as well as the rights and values of all Indigenous peoples.

What Types of Clinical Trials are There, & Who is Eligible?

The four main types of clinical trials include:



Prevention

Ways we can honor our health to prevent illness from developing.



Treatment

Ways we can test new and existing therapies.



Screening

Ways we can test and diagnose disease in early stages.



Quality of Life

Ways we improve the health of those with disease.

Both healthy individuals and those experiencing illness may be eligible depending on the type of trial.

Native Americans in Clinical Trials at a Glance

According to the **National Institute of Health (NIH)**, Native Americans represent about 0.1% of all people enrolled in clinical trials. That is less than 1%. This underrepresentation limits our understanding of how treatments will work for Indigenous peoples.

Want to Learn More?

The CICR offers free clinical trial education programs in collaboration with the National Cancer Institute (NCI). If you'd like to participate in this free program, please contact Community Health Educator, **Will Maybee**

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Why are Indigenous Peoples Underrepresented in Clinical Trials?

Historically, there have been instances of misuses in research that have negatively impacted Indigenous peoples. Other factors contributing to low Native American representation are: living long distances from research centers, lack of transportation, and differing cultural values.

WHERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS?

roswellpark.org/clinical-trials

clinicaltrials.gov/

cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/clinical-trials/search

