



# Enhancing Elder Native American Cancer Survivors' Quality of Life: Fact Sheets

## Focus Group Procedures

- Welcome & Blessing
- Logistics
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is going to be our timer to be sure that each member of the group has an opportunity to share their answers
  - \_\_\_\_\_ will be taking notes
  - The session will be recorded but your personal information will not be identified.
  - ARS will be used to ask a few questions that will let us know a bit about you



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## Focus Group Questions

1. What is the one thing you would have liked to know about having cancer or getting cancer treatment?
2. What was the most difficult or challenging part about having cancer? Was there anything particularly frustrating for you?
3. Since the cancer experience, has your physical, mental-emotional, social or spiritual health changed? In what ways?



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## Focus Group Questions

4. We are developing 5 Fact Sheets. What topics would you like to see?
5. Is there anything else you want to share about your experience with cancer that you think might help other elders?



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## Developing the Fact Sheets



N\*vivo software used to code data to identify themes and prioritize issues



Review by PIs, NACES Advisory Committee and Local Native Survivors' Support Group



*Katherine Big Hail  
Crow  
Diagnosed:  
1993 breast cancer*



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Based on Priorities, 5 Fact Sheets drafted:

- 1) Access to Quality Care
- 2) Decisions, Coping & Communication
- 3) Spirituality
- 4) Transportation & Financial Resources
- 5) What is This [Cancer] All About?



*Abe Conklin  
Ponca-Osage  
Diagnosed:  
1987 prostate cancer*



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## Dissemination



Can be accessed in print from Mayo Clinic's Native CIRCLE



Can be downloaded from the web from Native American Cancer Research ([www.natamcancer.org](http://www.natamcancer.org)) [lower left side]



To date, more than 1500 fact sheets have been distributed at Native meetings across the US and Canada and downloaded through the Internet



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