

# NC AMERICAN INDIAN Cancer Disparities

Cancer is the leading cause of death in American Indians

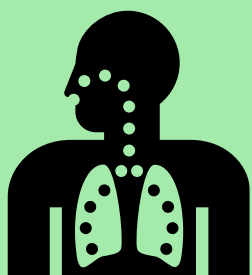
## Breast



**1/3**

of American Indian women are not screened for breast cancer

## Lung



**20%**

of American Indians smoke which greatly increases risk of lung cancer

## Prostate

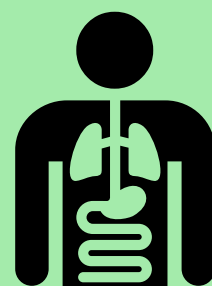


American Indian

men are **50%**

more likely to die from prostate cancer than white men

## Colon



**1/2**

of American Indian men are not screened for colon cancer

## BUT THERE IS HOPE

the impact of cancer can be significantly reduced through:

- early detection
- avoiding harmful tobacco use
- living a healthy lifestyle (exercising, eating healthy foods, and maintaining a healthy weight)



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