



American Indian Cancer Foundation

NATIVE CANCER CONFERENCE

A JOURNEY OF RECLAIMING NATIVE HEALTH AND
ADDRESSING CANCER WITH OUR RELATIVES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH 2025

**RADISSON BLU, MALL OF AMERICA
MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

TIME

SESSION

7:00-8:00

Registration & Breakfast

8:00-8:30

Opening Ceremony

8:30-9:00

Welcome by AICAF CEO Melissa Buffalo

9:00-9:30

Culture Kick-Off: Culture as Prevention & Healing

9:30-10:00

Keynote - Dr. Sherry Johnson Honor in Grief: A
Caretaker's Journey & Honoring Our Loved Ones

10:00-10:45

Coffee Break, Networking, & Exhibitors

10:45-12:15

Cancer Survivors Panel

12:15-1:15

Lunch

1:15-1:30

Presenting Sponsor: **AstraZeneca**

1:30-3:00

Strengthening Systems to Support the Native Cancer Journey w/ **Dr. Rodney Haring** -
Chair, Department of Indigenous Cancer Health Roswell Park Patient Navigation and
Dr. Loretta Christensen - Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Services

3:00-4:00

Working session: Toolkits + Snack break &
Networking

4:00-4:15

AICAF Programs

4:15-4:30

Day 1 Closing: Wrapping Up in a Good Way



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH 2025

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TIME

SESSION

7:00-8:00

Breakfast & Networking

8:00-8:05

Welcome/Recap

8:05-8:15

Importance of Screening w/ Special Guest

8:15-8:45

Keynote - Dr. Thomas Wyatt Working Towards a
Native Presence in Western Medicine

8:45-9:00

Move to Breakout Rooms

Breakout Sessions

Session 1: Reclaiming Native Spaces in Healthcare w/ **Aida Strom & Gracen McDougall**

Session 2: Traditional Healing

9:00-10:00

Session 3: Helping Researchers Improve Health Outcomes in Indian Country

10:00-10:30

Networking & Silent Auction Break

Success Stories in Prevention & Screening

10:30-12:00

Dr. Naomi Lee - HPV research and work with students at NAU.
Dr. Dianna Redwood - CRC and screening 40 vs 45 and barriers.

12:00-1:00

Lunch & Silent Auction Winners Announced

Breakout Sessions

Session 1: Financial Burdens & Resources w/ **Kerri Hale - Pfizer**

Session 2: Cultural Practices During Healing

1:00-2:00

Session 3: The Need for Community Health Workers in Accessing Cancer Care
w/ **NAU Arizona**

2:00-2:15

Networking Break

2:15-3:00

Next Steps in Cancer Prevention: Community
Conversation

3:00-3:30

Closing Ceremony