Office of Health Disparities Research and Native American Research Outreach

Office of Health Disparities Research

The Mayo Clinic Office of Health Disparities Research (OHDR) supports efforts to identify, design and deploy strategies to reduce health disparities through research and education. OHDR provides resources to Mayo researchers and facilitates relationships between them and populations experiencing health disparities.

OHDR is committed to responding to community-identified needs. Through a process of listening and collaborative response, we seek to match community health needs and priorities to the strengths and interests of our investigators wherever possible.

OHDR’s Native American Research Outreach Focus

Native American Research Outreach (NARO) will use Mayo’s research and clinical experience to address tribal and urban Indian health priorities to improve health and wellbeing.

What can Native American Research Outreach (NARO) do for you?

If you are a tribal or urban Indian health leader, NARO can:

1. Inform Mayo investigators and clinician researchers and educators about your health priorities.
2. Be your representative to ensure that Mayo investigators and clinician researchers are responsive to your research and health-related education priorities.
3. Identify Mayo investigators and educators with the skills, willingness, and sensitivity to work on your health-related priorities.
4. Assist you with the design and implementation of studies.
5. Arrange for speakers and trainers to work with your staff and tribal college students interested in careers in health-related research.
6. Assist in the training of your staff in the design and implementation of research.
7. Arrange for speakers to inform your communities on progress in the prevention and treatment of diseases and cost-effective health care.
8. Help to ensure Mayo investigators appreciate cultural practices, daily life circumstances, and tribal sovereignty as well as understand the complexities of tribal and urban Indian health delivery and health care access.
9. Inform you of funding opportunities to improve health through research and education.
10. Assist you in the development of grant proposals.
11. Inform you of Mayo funded support for start-up projects involving collaborations with Mayo investigators.

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If you are a Native American Health Research Organization, NARO can:

1. Help you identify Mayo collaborators or consultants
2. Increase Mayo investigators’ awareness of your organization and its priorities
3. Identify education and training opportunities
4. Facilitate dissemination of your work within Mayo Clinic
5. Inform you of Mayo funded support for start-up projects involving collaborations with Mayo investigators.

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