

April 18–24 is

# Minority Cancer Awareness Week

## Cancer Facts\*

- African Americans are more likely to die of cancer than people of any other racial or ethnic group.
- The number of new cancer cases and cancer death rates for MEN are highest among African Americans.
- The number of new cancer cases for WOMEN are highest among whites.
- Cancer death rates for WOMEN are highest among African Americans.

\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Educate, Improve &  
Support

## About National Minority Cancer Week

National Minority Cancer Awareness Week is April 18 – 14, 2010 and is an opportunity for health care providers, community organizations, and state and local agencies to:

- **EDUCATE** the public about the importance of detecting cancer early among ethnic minority groups
- **IMPROVE** cancer control and prevention within minority and underserved populations
- **SUPPORT** programs aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities in cancer incidence and survivorship

## Resources

American Cancer Society  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Health Disparities  
[www.cdc.gov/cancer/minorityawareness/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/minorityawareness/index.htm)

Intercultural Cancer Council  
[www.iccnetwork.org](http://www.iccnetwork.org)

Michigan Cancer Consortium  
[www.michigancancer.org](http://www.michigancancer.org)

Michigan Department of Community Health – Office of Minority Health  
[www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch)

National Cancer Institute – Center to Reduce Health Disparities  
<http://crchd.cancer.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Minority Health  
[www.omhrc.gov](http://www.omhrc.gov)

# Michigan Programs Improving Minority Cancer Awareness

## ACCESS

ACCESS Community Health Center works closely with the Karmanos Cancer Institute to provide culturally sensitive public education on breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer to Arab Americans in the Dearborn and Detroit area. Outreach efforts target mosques, English as a Second Language classes, and home visits to encourage breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening. For more information, please visit [www.accesscommunity.org](http://www.accesscommunity.org).

## Healthy Asian Americans Project

The Healthy Asian Americans Project (HAAP) reaches out to members of the following seven Asian ethnic groups to encourage health promotion, disease prevention, and access to care:

- Chinese
- Korean
- Filipino
- Japanese
- Vietnamese
- Asian Indian
- Hmong

HAAP promotes breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening to Asian women. HAAP's efforts are primarily focused in Southeastern Michigan. For more information, please visit [www.nursing.umich.edu/haap/](http://www.nursing.umich.edu/haap/).

## Michigan Multicultural Network

The Michigan Multicultural Network is comprised of five agencies that service:

- African Americans
- Arab/Chaldean Americans
- Asian Americans
- Hispanic/Latino Americans
- Native Americans.

Funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health, this network aims to promote awareness about tobacco use and its impact on people of color. For more information, please contact Sonji Smith Revis at 517-335-9898 or [smithsl@michigan.gov](mailto:smithsl@michigan.gov).

## Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITC) works to coordinate health promotion and disease prevention activities with Michigan's twelve federally-recognized Native American tribes. ITC strives to support and enhance the working partnerships between local health departments and the Michigan tribes. In addition, the ITC assists with development of effective public education messages and effective recruiting strategies to promote access to breast and cervical cancer screening and follow-up services for Native American women. For more information, please visit [www.itcmi.org](http://www.itcmi.org).