

I hope you will join us on Wednesday, June 2nd, from 1:00– 2:30 EDT, for an Indian Health Service (IHS) Open Door Forum, to discuss colorectal cancer (CRC) screening. The attached flyer contains instructions on how to participate via WebEx and teleconference.

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second leading cause of cancer mortality for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) males and females combined. In the absence of primary prevention for CRC, screening is the key tool available to us to decrease the CRC burden. Appropriate screening tests, such as high-sensitivity fecal occult blood tests (FOBT) and fecal immunochemical tests (FIT), flexible sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy, can detect CRC at an early and more curable stage, and, in the case of colonoscopy, can even prevent incident CRCs by removing adenomatous polyps discovered during screening.

Despite CRC screening effectiveness, the percentage of AI/AN patients being screened in IHS, Tribal and Urban (I/T/U) clinics remains low. Presentations from Improving Patient Care (IPC) pilot sites will inform forum participants of strategies they have used to increase colorectal cancer screening at their facilities. Participants will also become familiarized with current CRC screening recommendations from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. A detailed agenda for the forum will be forthcoming.

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Open Door Forum: Colorectal Cancer Screening Tele-conference/WebEx

Topic: Open Door Forum – Colorectal Cancer Screening
Host: Nat Cobb & Donald Haverkamp
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2010
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm, Eastern Daylight Time
Teleconference Number: 866-699-3239
Session Password: screening

Open Door Forum - Colorectal Cancer Screening

On June 2, 2010 please join the Indian Health Service (IHS) for an Open Door Forum. This teleconference/WebEx Forum will focus on colorectal cancer screening. The forum will provide information on ways that Improving Patient Care (IPC) sites have been able to improve colorectal cancer screening rates. Current screening guidelines will also be discussed.

Presentations will be available during the WebEx and the WebEx will be recorded if you miss this Forum.

To sign into WebEx :

1. Go to <https://ihs-hhs.webex.com/ihs-hhs/k2/j.php?ED=136340902&UID=1127771517&RT=MiM0>
2. Enter your name and email address.
3. Enter the session password: screening
4. Click "Join Now".
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To join the session by phone only:

Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada): 1-866-699-3239

Attendee access code: 128 578 21