


3, 2, 1 GO! PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR ADDRESSING CANCER CARE DISPARITIES:


A Look At Hawaii




KEY STATISTICS ABOUT CANCER CARE AMONG NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS¹:



Breast cancer accounts for the highest proportion of new cancer diagnoses among 72% of Asian and NHPI subgroups.



Lung cancer is the most common cancer among Chamoru, Micronesian, and Vietnamese individuals.



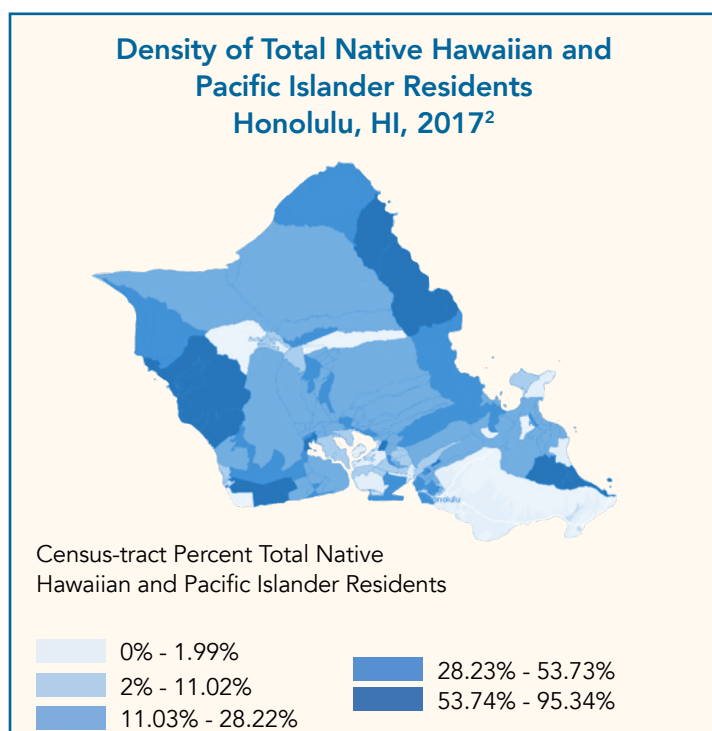
Colorectal cancer is the most common among Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, and Papua New Guinean populations.

The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) collaborated with the Hawaii Society of Clinical Oncology (HSCO) and The Center for Community Solutions to address disparities and identify gaps in care for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander people of Hawaii.

The 3, 2, 1, Go! Initiative looks to define

- 1 major gap** in care that needs to be addressed,
- 2 recommendations** to eliminate disparities in care, and
- 3 resources** that may help to advance equitable cancer care.

The following were also defined with the help of the program's Committee.



3 "Go To" Resources to Advance Equity in Care

Language Services Hawaii – provides translation and interpreting services to the various ethnicities, cultural backgrounds, and languages of the people of Hawaii.
languageserviceshawaii.com



Papa Ola Lokahi – provides workshops and other programming to create awareness of Native Hawaiian culture and healing practices.
papaolalokahi.org



“Family members are an important part of patient care. If providers do not allow them to participate in appointments, it adds to mistrust (of providers).”
- Committee member feedback

Lions Club International – provides a global network of volunteers and grants for community service projects supporting families of pediatric cancer patients.
lionsclubs.org



2 Recommendations to Eliminate Disparities in Care

Representation in Care – to build trust, ease discomfort, and improve quality of care, incentives should be provided for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders to become health care providers.



“Expand the number of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander providers in cancer care.”

- Committee member feedback



Cultural Awareness Training – there is an established need to educate providers on historical medical mistrust among Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander patients, as well as to better understand what is important to this population when making medical decisions.



1 Major Gap in Care

Geography was the top concern identified – most specialists are located on mainland Hawaii, causing disparities in access and quality of care on smaller, neighboring islands.



“Access issues are a major problem for patients on neighboring islands.”

- Committee member feedback



One of the biggest needs that came out of this project was a need for health care providers to build trust with patients to encourage them to obtain treatment sooner and improve quality of care.

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