Cancer presents a significant burden to American Indians (AI) throughout Montana. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among American Indian Montanans.¹

The high prevalence of commercial tobacco use, 39%, and obesity, 41%,² along with limited access to preventive healthcare and treatment contribute greatly to the cancer burden among Montana American Indians.

“[If you don’t ‘Get’ what smoking does to your lungs ... at least ‘Get’ what it does to your precious artifacts.]”

Photo credit and message shared by Angela Swedberg, Bead and Quill-work Artist, Native Art Restoration. Photo shows the cleaning process of a 100 year old artifact exposed to tobacco smoke.

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