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, 40%, and obesity, 47.1%, 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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