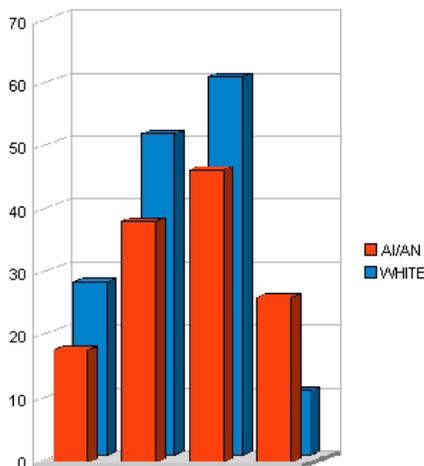




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Colorectal Cancer Screening

AI/AN and Whites, Urban Indian Health Organization Service Areas

Data show that colorectal cancer screening rates are significantly lower for American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) living in Urban Indian Health Organization (UIHO) service areas compared to non-Hispanic whites. AI/AN under the age of 65 are also more likely to be uninsured.

As shown in the table above, only 46% of AI/AN age fifty and older had a Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) or Sigmoid Colonoscopy compared to 60% of non-Hispanic whites.

These statistics prompted UIHO representatives to apply and attend the AI/AN Dialogue for Action meeting in May 2007, forming the Urban Indian Colon and Rectal Education and Screening (CARES) project. Information about CARES can be found on the Urban Indian Health Institute website at: <http://www.uihi.org/colorectal-cancer>

Data Source:

Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2003-2007

*Significant difference between AI/AN and whites

	AI/AN % and (95% CI)	White % and (95% CI)
FOBT in past 2 yr, age 50+	17.9 (11.1 – 27.4)	27.7 (26.9 – 28.5)
Sigmoid Colonoscopy in past 5 yrs, age 50+*	38.3 (28.1– 49.7)	51.2 (50.3 – 52.2)
FOBT or Sigmoid Colonoscopy, age 50+*	46.4 (35.6 – 57.6)	60.3 (59.4 – 61.3)
No health insurance in past year, age <65*	26.2 (22.7 – 30)	10.3 (10 – 10.7)

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