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Judith S. Kaur, M.A., M.D., is an Associate Professor of Oncology at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. She is the Medical Director for the Native American Programs of the Mayo Comprehensive Cancer Center. All three Mayo sites are involved in outreach to American Indians and Alaska Natives through these programs.

The first program, Native WEB, conducts outreach training for nurses serving Native American and other underserved women to provide access to breast and cervical cancer prevention and screening. Native C.I.R.C.L.E., the second program, provides and develops culturally appropriate cancer education materials for laypersons, allied health personnel, and clinicians working in Native communities. The third program, Spirit of E.A.G.L.E.S., empowers intervention studies in Native populations, provides scholarship support for students in medicine or biological sciences training, and advocates for improved cancer prevention and control in American Indian and Alaska Native populations. This is funded by the National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities. Dr. Kaur's research also includes a special interest in women's cancers, particularly breast and cervical cancers.

Dr. Kaur is also the Director of the Mayo Clinic Hospice Program and Palliative Care Task Force. She is the Principal Investigator for a Molecular Markers Study in Breast Cancer in American Indian and Alaska Native women as well as a mammographic and clinical risk-factor analysis study. Dr. Kaur received her M.A. in Counseling from Northwestern University and her M.D. from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

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ABSTRACT

Lessons Learned from the Spirit of E.A.G.L.E.S. Community Networks Program

The Spirit of E.A.G.L.E.S. is the only national CNP working specifically with American Indian and Alaska Native Populations. The 2007 Annual Report to the Nation from NCI provided an in-depth look at the cancer health disparities related to the AIAN people. Dr. Kaur will address the historical patterns of cancer in AIAN communities and the need for community based participatory research to overcome many barriers to comprehensive cancer control.

