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*Linda Burhansstipanov, MSPH, DrPH*, is Western Cherokee (Tahlequah, OK). She developed and implemented the Native American Cancer Research Program at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) of the National Cancer Institute (NIH) from 1989-1993. From September 1, 1993 through May 1, 1998, she was the director of the Native American Cancer Research Program of the AMC Cancer Research Center in Denver, CO. As of May 1, 1998, she became the Executive Director of Native American Cancer Initiatives (NACI) of Pine, CO and as of November 15, 1999, she also became the President of Native American Research (a native-owned and operated, non-profit corporation). Prior to working for the NCI, she was a full professor and taught full-time at California State University Long Beach for 18 years and part-time at UCLA for 6 years.

She is currently the principal investigator of the NIH NHGRI, "Genetic Education for Native Americas," the NCI grant, "Increasing Mammography Screening Among Urban American Indian Women" and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, California Community Foundation and Department of Defense grant, "National Native American Breast Cancer Survivors' Support Network." She is co-investigator on multiple studies, including, but not limited to NCI "Increasing the Participation of Medically Underserved Populations and Women in Clinical and Cancer Care Trials," NCI "Native American Cancer Researchers' Training Program," the NCI "Native American Cancer Awareness and Leadership Network—The Native CIRCLE." She has also authored several articles and chapters on cultural issues and cancer control among Native Americans (e.g., Cancer, Alaska Medicine, Cancer Practice).





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