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Dear NAME:

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer for Indian men.<sup>1</sup>

It is the second most common cancer for Indian women.<sup>2</sup>

About one-third of the deaths due to colorectal cancer would be prevented if people above the age 50 plus received regular colorectal cancer screenings.

With increased education and screenings, this disease can be prevented. Urban Indian CARES is a committee that promotes education and awareness about the benefits of colorectal health screening among American Indians/Alaska Natives living in cities nationwide.

Formed in 2007, this committee promotes education about colorectal cancer screening and treatment throughout the urban Indian health community.

As our Community Action Plan details (see enclosed document), we are developing communications materials for use in these efforts.

If you or your staff might wish to join the group, we welcome you! As the group's purpose is to benefit all urban Indian health organizations, we will keep you up to date on the Action Plan and on communications.

Should you have any questions, please contact Alice Park, Manager at the Urban Indian Health Institute, at 206-812-3034 [alicep@uihi.org](mailto:alicep@uihi.org).

Best,

Urban Indian Colon and Rectal Education and Screening Committee

<sup>1</sup>Rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population. <sup>2</sup>Source: National Center for Health Statistics. <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/statistics/race.htm>