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Indigenous America Over 500 Years: A Strategy For Taking Care Of Home

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SPEAKER DISCLOSURE:

Dr. Walker has no relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies to disclose and DOES NOT INTEND to discuss off-label or investigational use of products or services.

R. Dale Walker, M.D is Emeritus Professor and past chair of Psychiatry at the Oregon Health & Science University. He is Director of the One Sky Center, www.oneskycenter.org, a National Resource Center for American Indian Health, Education and Research. This Center provides expert consultation, training, and technical assistance that facilitate strategic planning and leadership development for optimal health service delivery for tribes and Native communities across North America. It also provides program evaluation and dissemination of evidence-based, culturally appropriate best practices. Dr Walker, who grew up in a rural area near Claremore, Oklahoma, is Cherokee. He is a 1972 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College Of Medicine, with residency training in Psychiatry at the University of California School of Medicine in San Diego. He was on the faculty in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Washington in Seattle from 1977 until 1996 when he came to the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon. He has served as professor in both the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health since that time. Research and Scholarly Interests: His career includes over 50 funded research grants, well over 100 publications and scores of presentations related to substance abuse and mental health issues in Indian Country and the general population. His research has focused upon health services, treatment effectiveness, best practices, culture's role in treatment and social determinants. He has held numerous national leadership roles, including Speaker of the American Psychiatric Association's Assembly, founder and director of the first National Center of Excellence for Substance Abuse Treatment for the Seattle Veteran's Affairs Medical Center program at the University of Washington, Founding President of the First Nations Behavioral Health Association, Director of the One Sky Center, and Director of a National Institute of Drug Abuse and National Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse funded National Mentorship program for American Indian students interested in addictions research. Dr. Walker joined AAIP in 1978 and has twice - 1989 and 2009 - received their Physician of the Year Award for outstanding service to American Indians.

Abstract: By any measure, health care for Native Americans lags behind that of other groups, despite a legal obligation on the part of the United States to provide health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Native American communities and individuals face significant inequity in health care and health status compared to other U.S. populations. Health outcomes for Native Americans are adversely impacted by wholly inadequate access to comprehensive health services. American Indians and Alaska Natives born today have a life expectancy that is 4.4 years less than the United States' all races population, and they continue to die at higher rates than other Americans in many categories of preventable illness, including chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, diabetes, and chronic lower respiratory diseases.

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe how European and USA encroachment into North and South American has affected the Indigenous populations
2. Analyze the Social Determinates of Health model
3. Discuss Program Adjustments to Care with culture and history in mind
4. Apply insight into how to work more effectively with people of different culture.

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