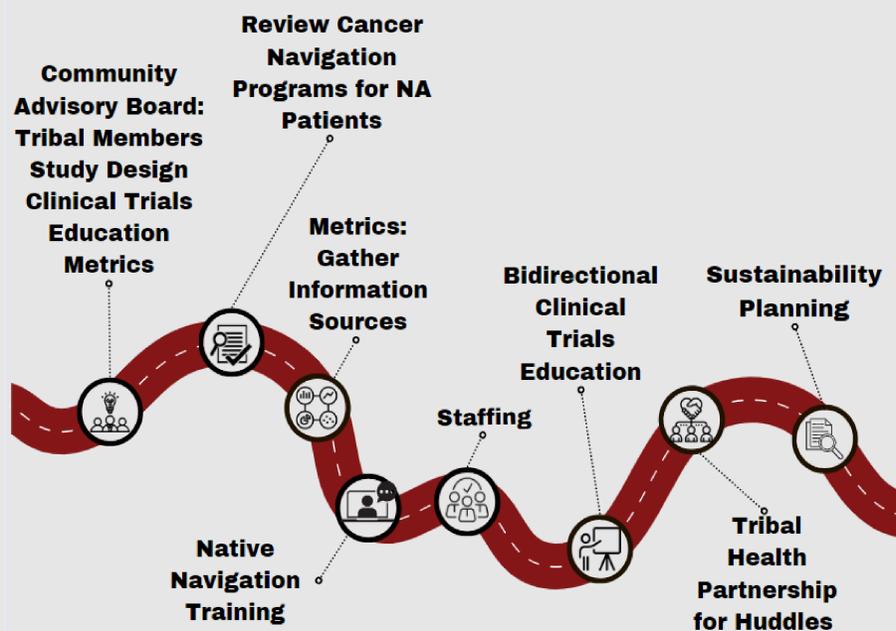


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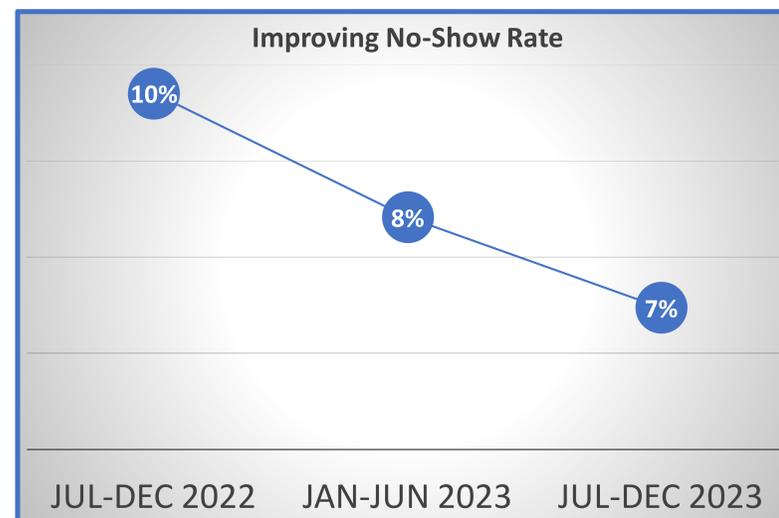
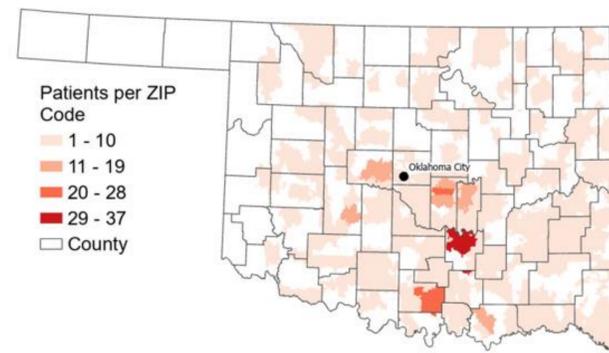
- **Oklahoma Native American (NA) population - highest cancer mortality of any racial/ethnic group**
- **Stephenson Cancer Center (SCC) - the only cancer center in OK with a navigation program designed to improve access to care for NA patients**
- **NAN program: interfaces with NA health systems – Indian Health Service, Tribal Health programs, and Urban Native American Health programs**

Project Design/Methods



Interim Results

SCC NA Navigation Patients by ZIP Code
July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023



- **NA Navigator Training Completed**
- **Navigator Roles**
- **Common NA Patient and Family Communication Issues with Providers**
- **General Cancer in NA Communities**
- **Diagnosing and Staging**
- **Cancer Treatments**
- **Treatment Side Effects**
- **Native Cancer Palliative Care**
- **Native Survivorship**

Innovation



- **Huddles between SCC NANs and Tribal health clinic case managers for NAN patients**



- **Bidirectional Clinical Trials Education – Oncology Grand Rounds “Native American Patients and Clinical Trials: What Oncologists Should Know”**

Implications for Sustainable Practice

- **Impactful Domains: Engaged Community and Organizational Context and Capacity.**
- **NAN patients: 70 of the 77 counties in Oklahoma**
- **Native American Center for Cancer Health Equity pillar: Expanding Clinical Access for NA patients – includes NAN Program**
- **Challenges: Funding Stability, Workflow Integration:**
 - **Staffing shortages**
 - **Difficult to locate NAN information in EMR**
- **Addressing Challenges:**
 - **Created new database**
 - **Integrated with a clinical information system**
 - **Clinical directors assisting with changes**

Next Steps:

- **Enhance integration of data systems**
- **Expand staffing support**
- **Increase outreach to NA health programs**
- **Funding to study quality improvements, expansion**

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