

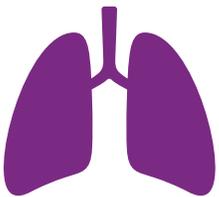


First Nations People: Cancer Risk Factors and Screening



COMMERCIAL TOBACCO

To many First Nations people, tobacco is a **sacred plant** that has spiritual and medicinal purposes. The recreational use of **commercial tobacco** (e.g. cigarettes) has no connection to First Nations spirituality



Smoking commercial tobacco can increase the risk of lung cancer

2x

First Nations adults are almost **2 times** more likely to **smoke cigarettes** than other adults



First Nations **teens** are **more likely** to smoke than other teens



ALCOHOL



Many people do not know that **drinking alcohol can cause cancer**. Drinking **even small amounts** of alcohol increases the risk of many cancers



CANCERS RELATED TO DRINKING ALCOHOL

- Breast
- Throat
- Liver
- Mouth
- Esophagus
- Colon and rectum

Over 1 in 3 on-reserve First Nations adults **did not drink alcohol** in the past year



First Nations adults are **more likely** to **BINGE DRINK** than other adults





NUTRITION

Traditional First Nations diets are largely composed of foods **grown, harvested and hunted** from the land and water and are a **healthy choice**



An **unhealthy diet** increases the risk of colorectal cancer

First Nations adults are **more likely** to live in households that are **food insecure** (e.g. low availability of culturally appropriate food, households worried about running out of food, etc.)

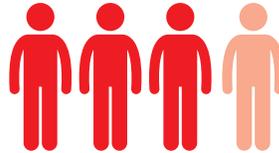


WEIGHT AND ACTIVITY

Being **overweight or obese** causes over

2,500

cancers diagnosed in Ontario every year



About **3 in 4** First Nations adults are **overweight or obese**

On-reserve First Nations adults are **less likely** to be **physically active** compared to off-reserve First Nations adults and other adults. **Women** are **less likely** to be physically active than men



CANCER PREVENTION

Stop smoking



Limit alcohol use



Eat traditional food, fruit, vegetables & whole grains



Be physically active



CANCER SCREENING

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING



BREAST CANCER SCREENING



CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING



For more information on cancer screening, visit: cancercareontario.ca/get-checked-cancer

To learn your personal cancer risk, start your 5 minute assessment online here: mycanceriq.ca

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