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Making Meaningful Users of HIT to Advance Equity in Care

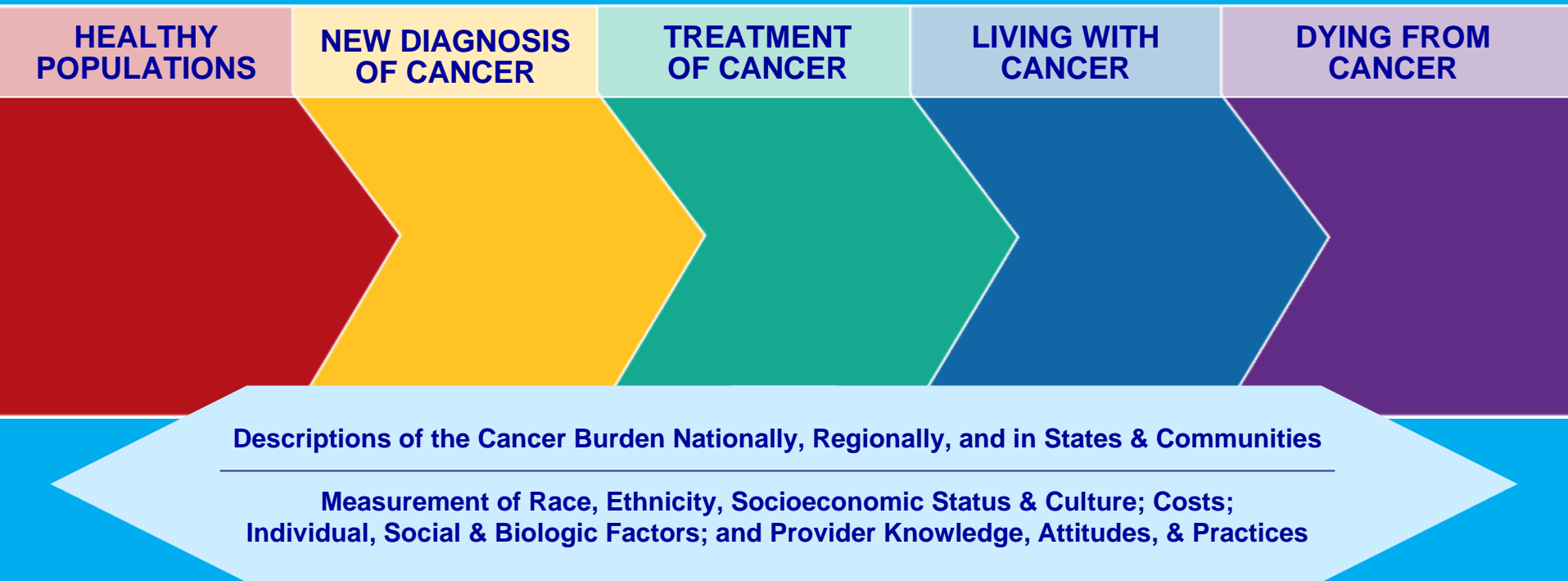
Charting a Course for Quality Improvement: Addressing Health Care Disparities

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A National Framework for Cancer Surveillance



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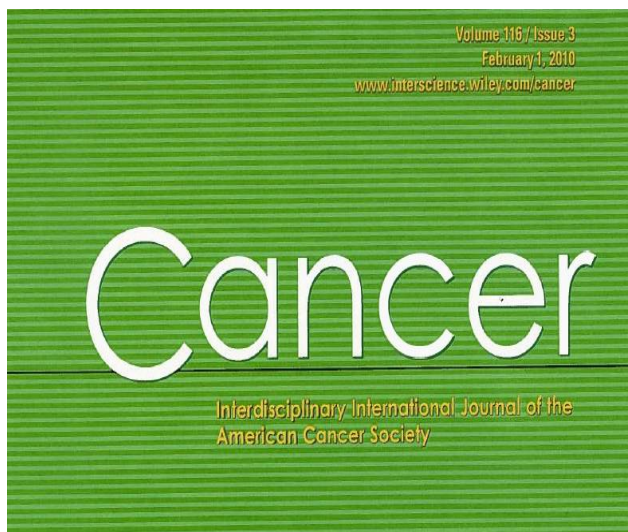
Monitoring the Impact of Cancer & Progress to Reduce Cancer

- Important for ongoing surveillance
 - All sites, common or rare
 - All populations, by age, sex, race & ethnicity, geography
- Identifying unusual patterns
 - Rapid changes in incidence
 - Relevance to etiology
 - Relevance to public health
 - Planning
 - Evaluating the impact of public health interventions



Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer

- **Coordinated & shared responsibility since 1998**
 - National Cancer Institute
 - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
 - American Cancer Society
 - North American Association for Central Cancer Registries
- **Latest data on cancer incidence & mortality**
- **Requires data linkages, methods development**
- **Special feature:**
 - Tobacco control & lung cancer
 - American Indian & Alaska Natives; Hispanics
 - Treatment patterns
 - Cancer control
 - Survival
 - Cancer and aging population



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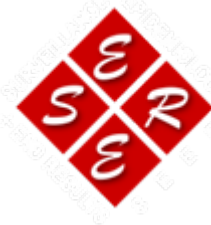
Commentary

Annual Report to the Nation on the Status Of Cancer, 1975-2006, Featuring Colorectal Cancer Trends and Impact of Interventions (Risk Factors, Screening, and Treatment) to Reduce Future Rates

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Rates of new diagnoses and rates of death from all cancers combined declined significantly in the most recent time period for men and women overall and for most racial & ethnic US populations

- Incidence: - 0.7 % per year from 1999-2006
- Deaths: - 1.6% per year from 2001-2006



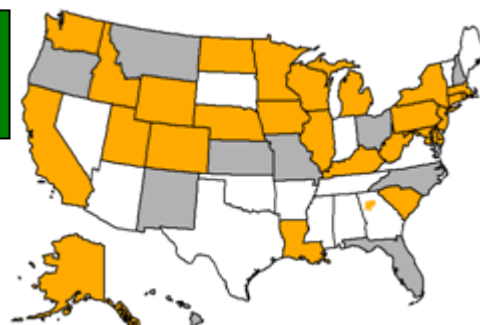
United States improved coverage for population-based cancer incidence

NAACCR 2002-2006
86%



2006

NAACCR 1997-2006
71%



2000



1995

SEER 1975- 2006
10%



SEER 9: 1975-2006 (9.4%)
SEER 13: 1992-2006 (14%)
SEER 17: 2000-2006 (26%)
NAACCR: 2002-2006 (86%)
USCS: 2005 (01/08) (100%)

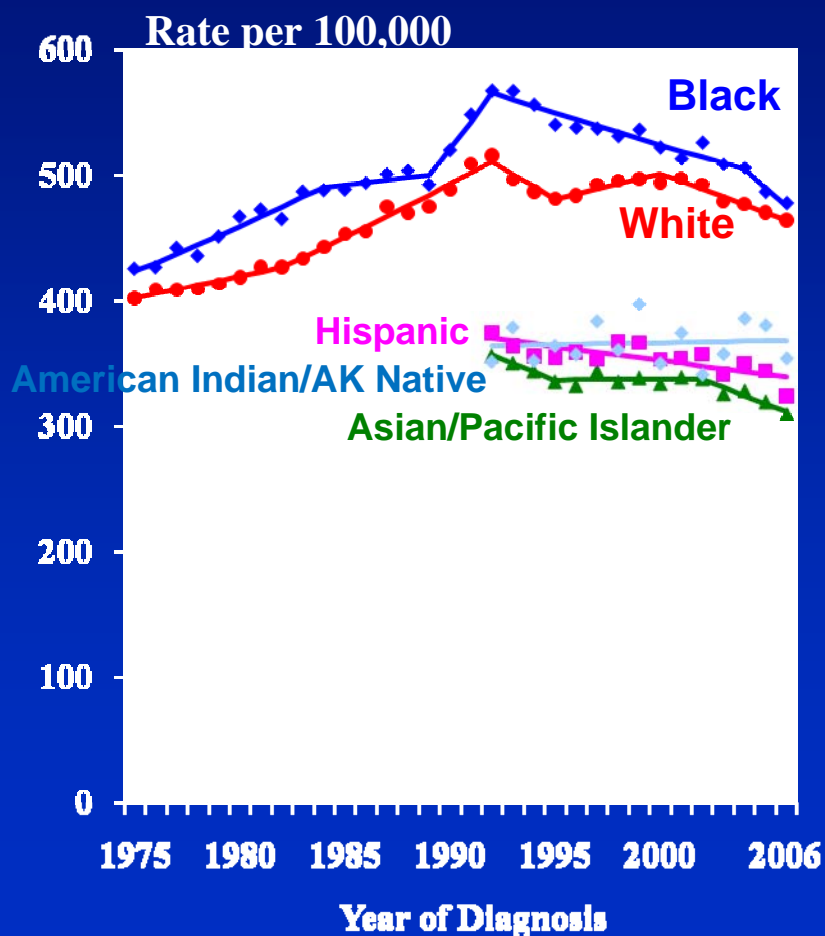


All Cancers, SEER Incidence and US Death Rates

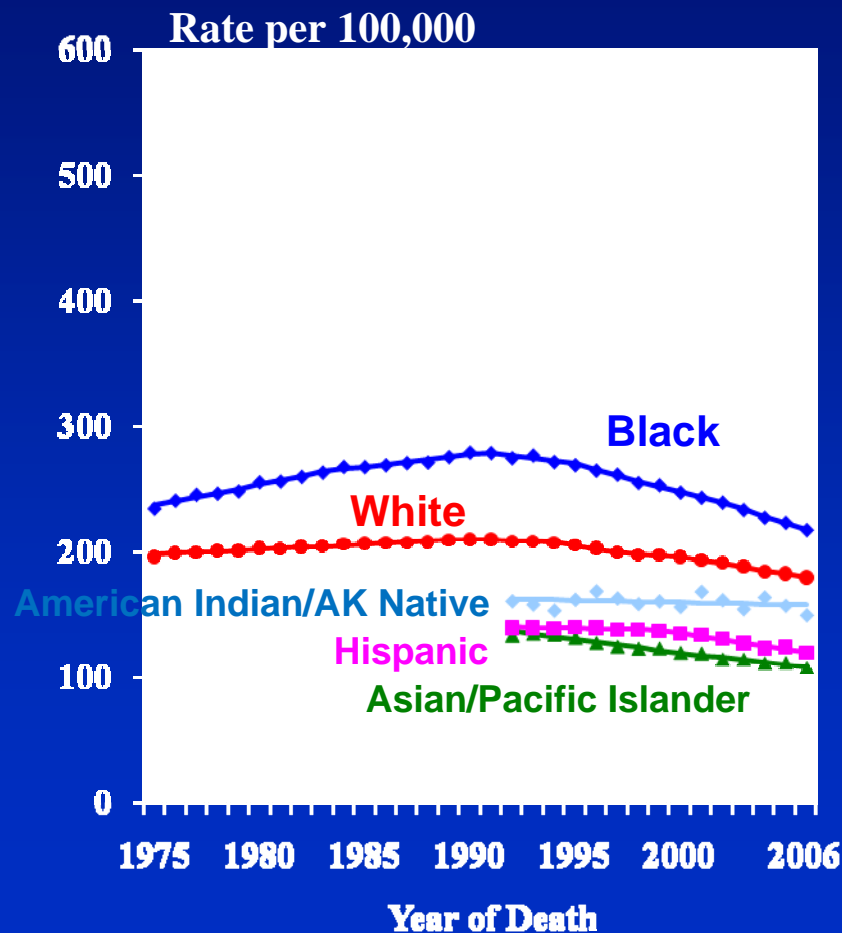
Joinpoint Analyses for Whites & Blacks 1975-2006

Asian/Pacific Islanders, American Indians/Alaska Natives & Hispanics 1992-2006

Incidence

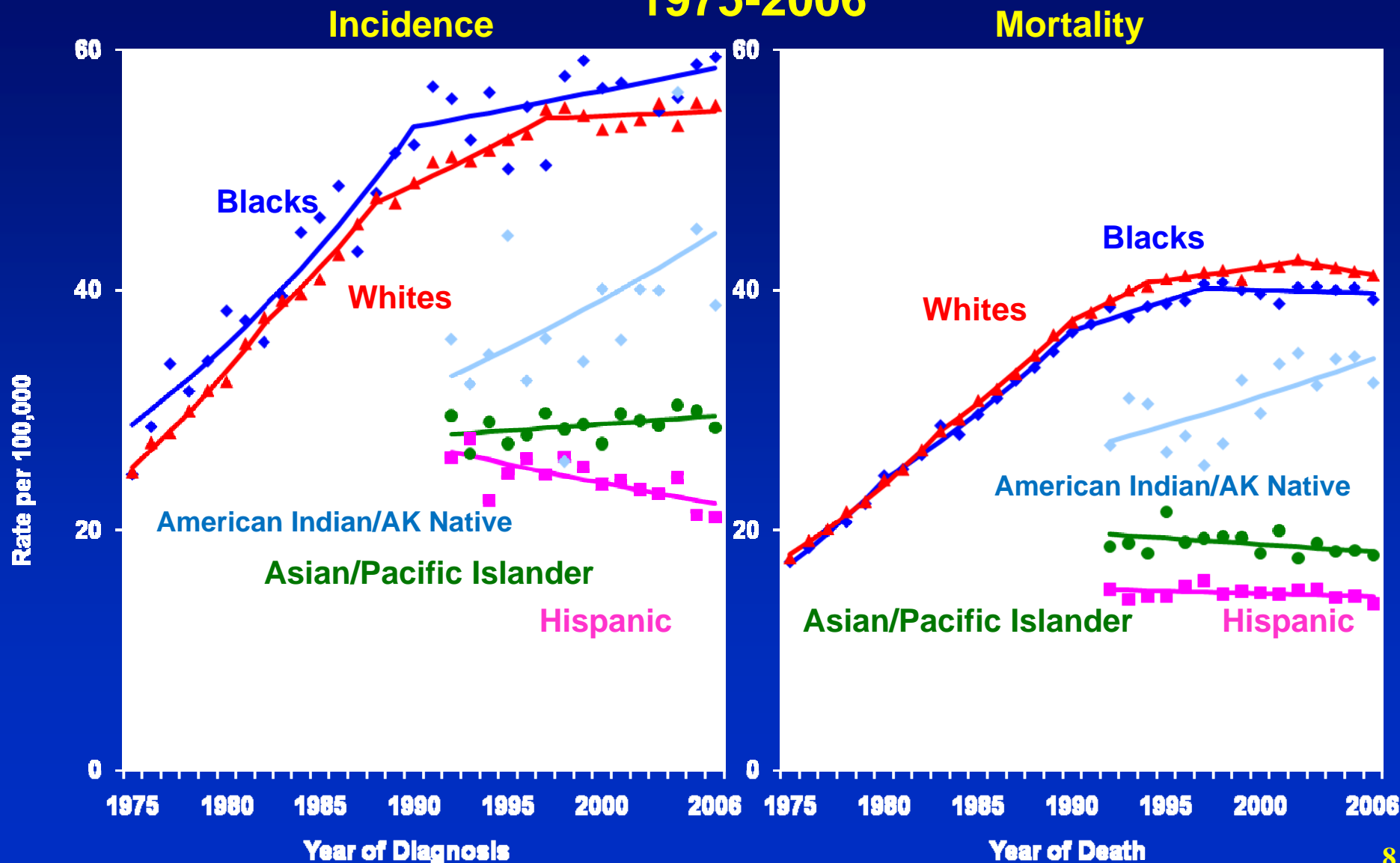


Mortality



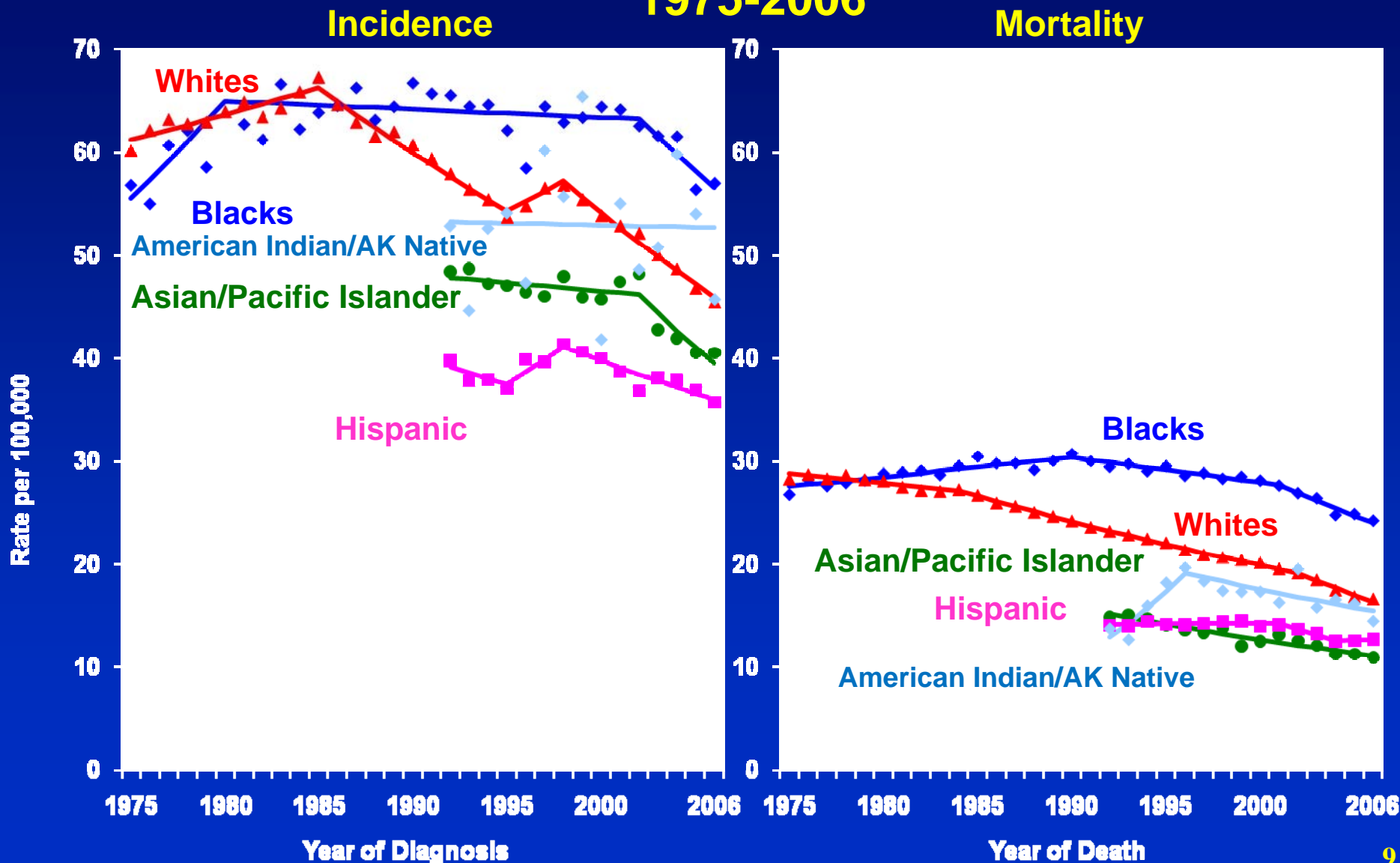


Female Lung & Bronchus Cancer SEER Incidence (delay adjusted) & US Death Rates 1975-2006



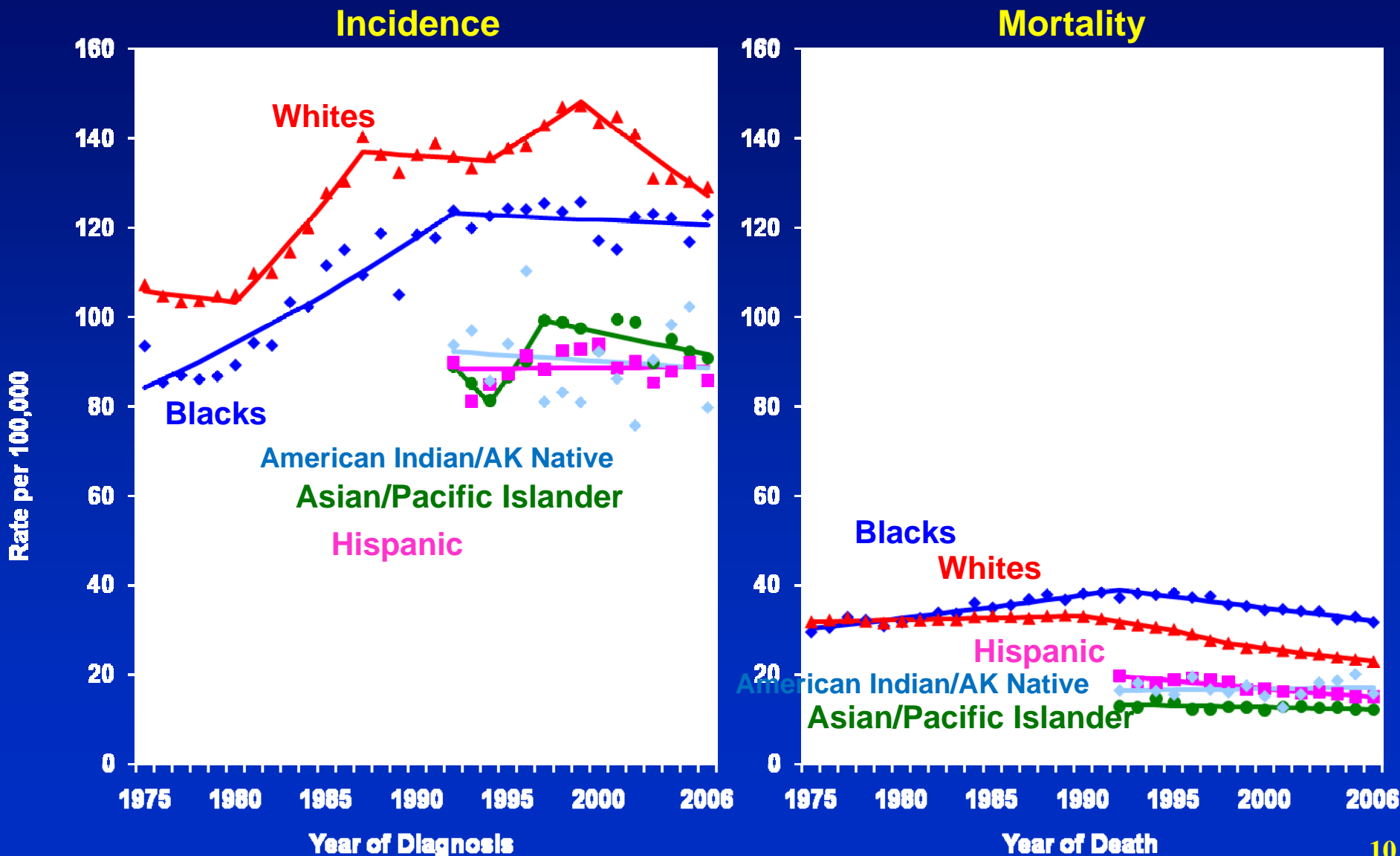


Both Sexes Colon & Rectum Cancer SEER Incidence (delay adjusted) & US Death Rates 1975-2006





Female Breast Cancer SEER Incidence (delay adjusted) & US Death Rates 1975-2006



Background

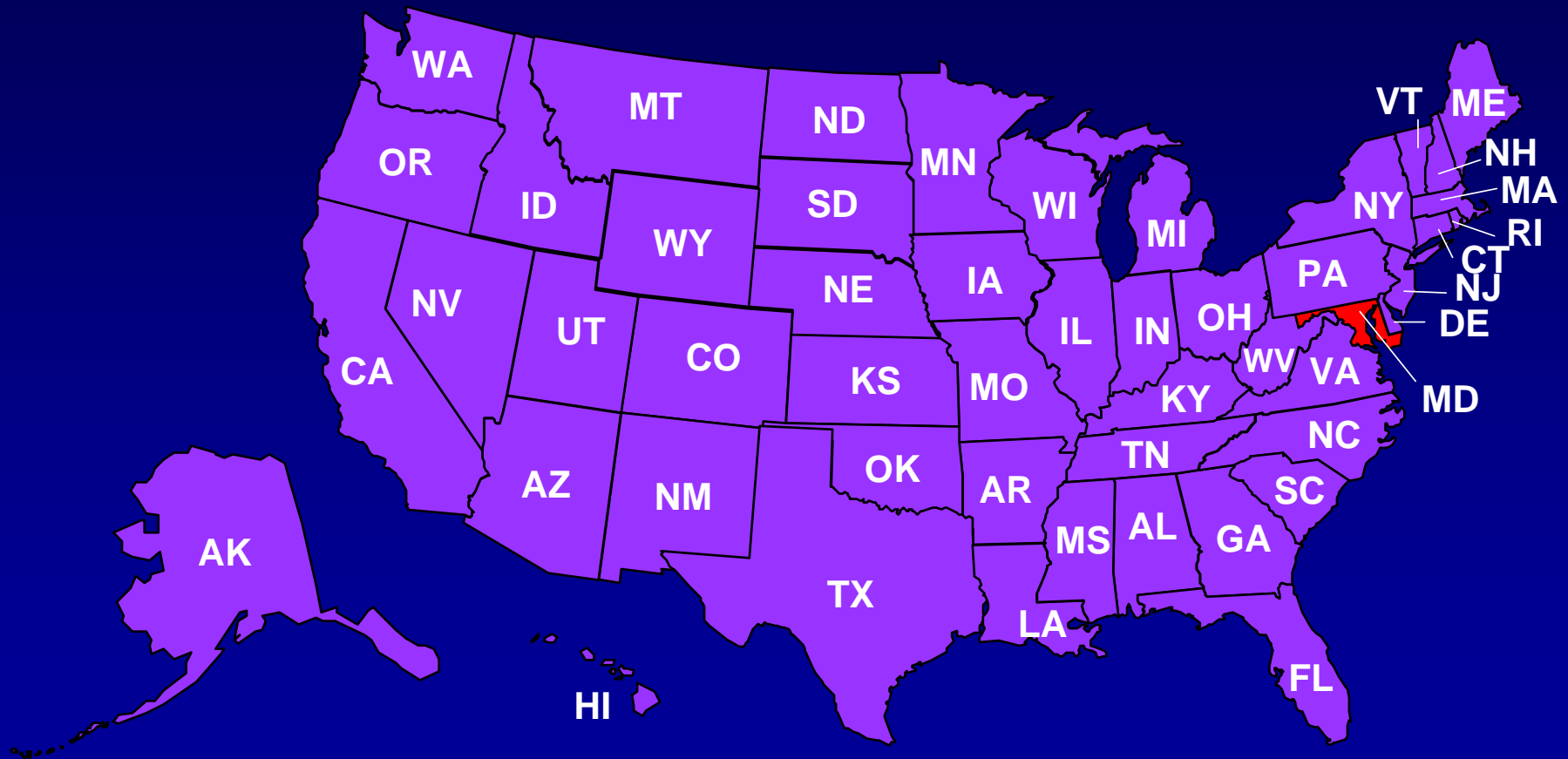
- **Race mis-classification of AI/AN occurs in cancer surveillance and vital statistics data bases**
- **Varies by state**
- **Decreasing mis-classification can improve accuracy of health indicators and program planning/resource allocation**

Improving the quality of cancer surveillance data for AI/AN

- Link records from central cancer registries (NPCR and SEER) with administrative records from the IHS (NPIRS)
- Identify AI/AN cases misclassified as non-Native
- Use “improved” data to report cancer burden of AI/AN

2006 NPCR & SEER Linkages

19,623,101 records representing
18,114,103 individuals linked



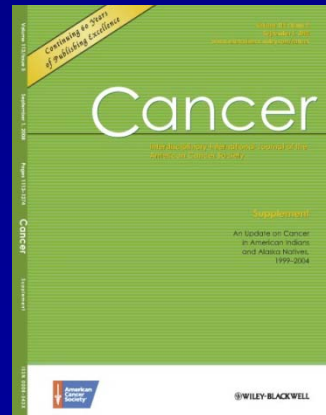
Linked



Not Linked

Registry linkages

- **Linkage status captured in “IHS Link” variable that is part of NAACCR layout**
 - Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer , 1975-2004, Featuring Cancer in American Indians and Alaska Natives
 - *Cancer* Supplement: An Update on Cancer in American Indians and Alaska Natives, 1999-2004

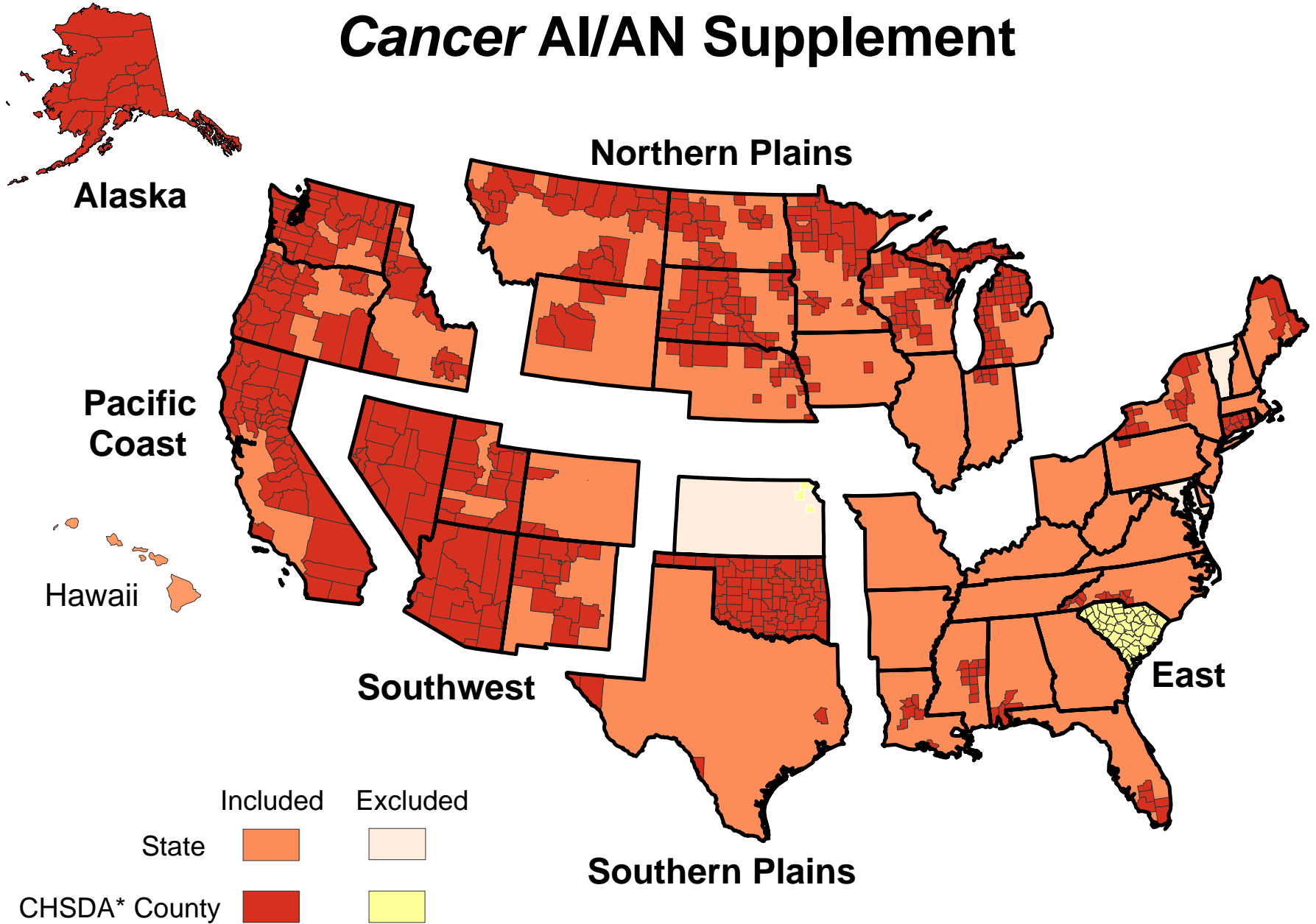


Cancer AI/AN Supplement

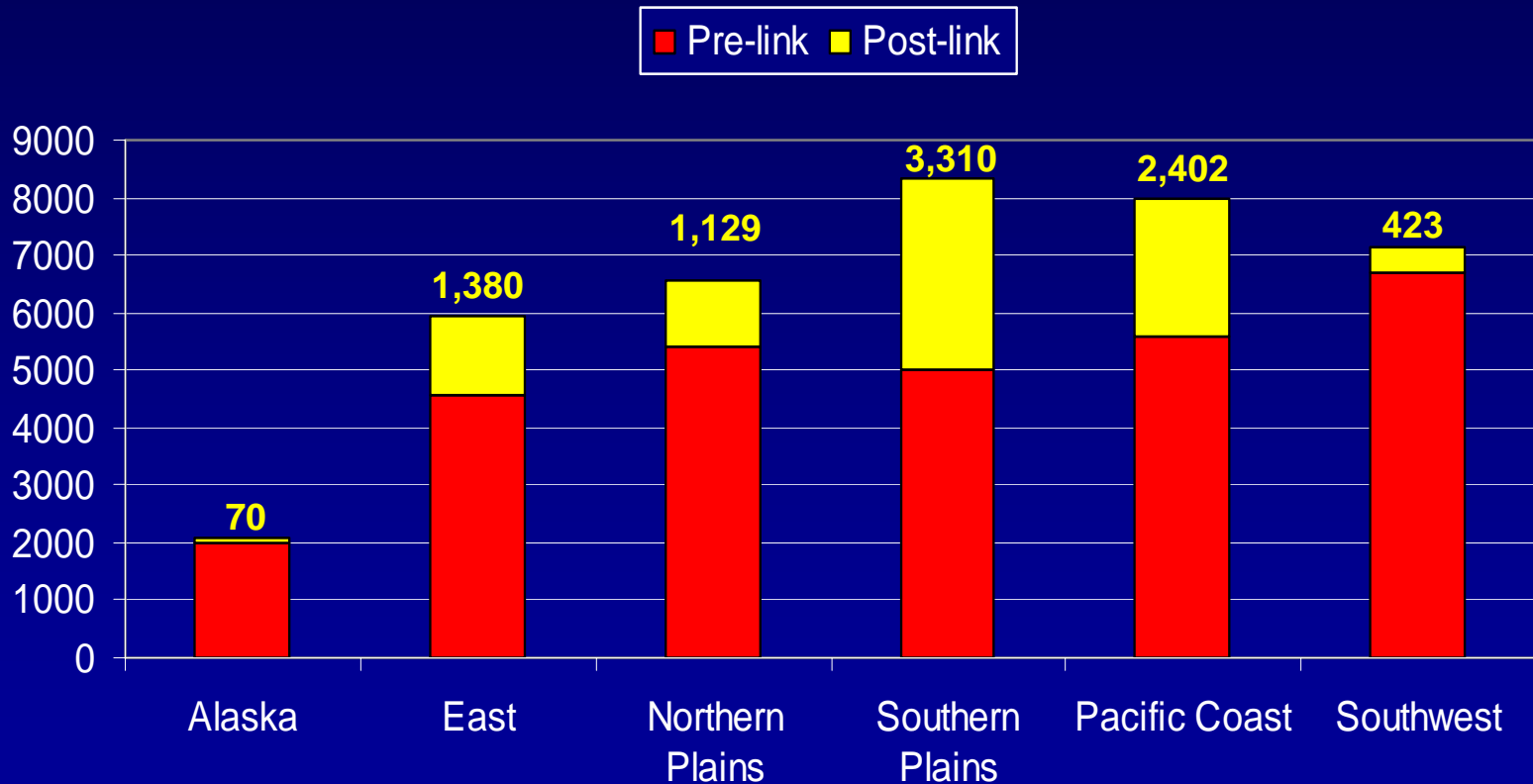
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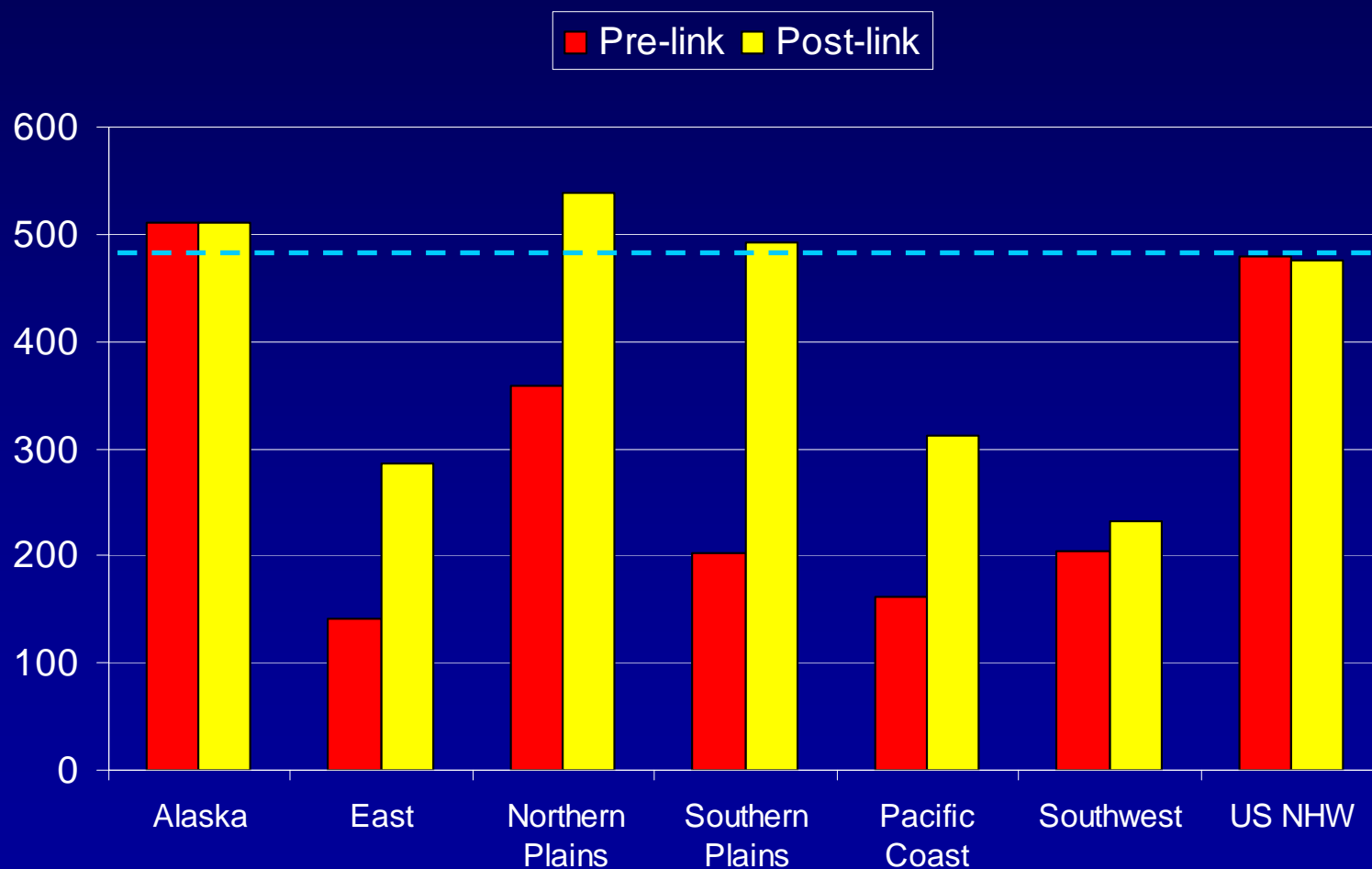
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Number of individuals identified by IHS linkage in 2006

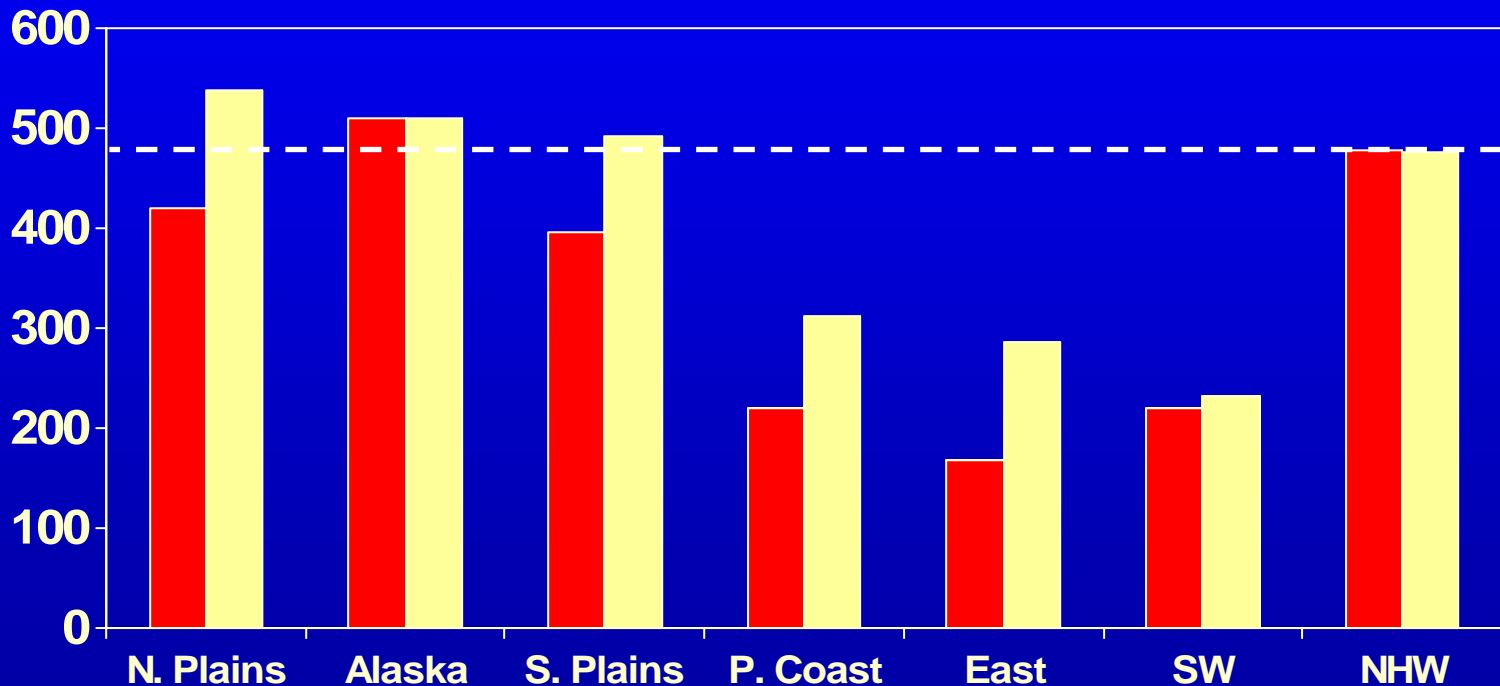


AI/AN cancer pre- and post- rates per 100,000 for All Sites, by region, both sexes, compared to US NHW rate, 1999-2004



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■ All Counties ■ CHSDA



Incidence: CHSDA vs. Total AI/AN

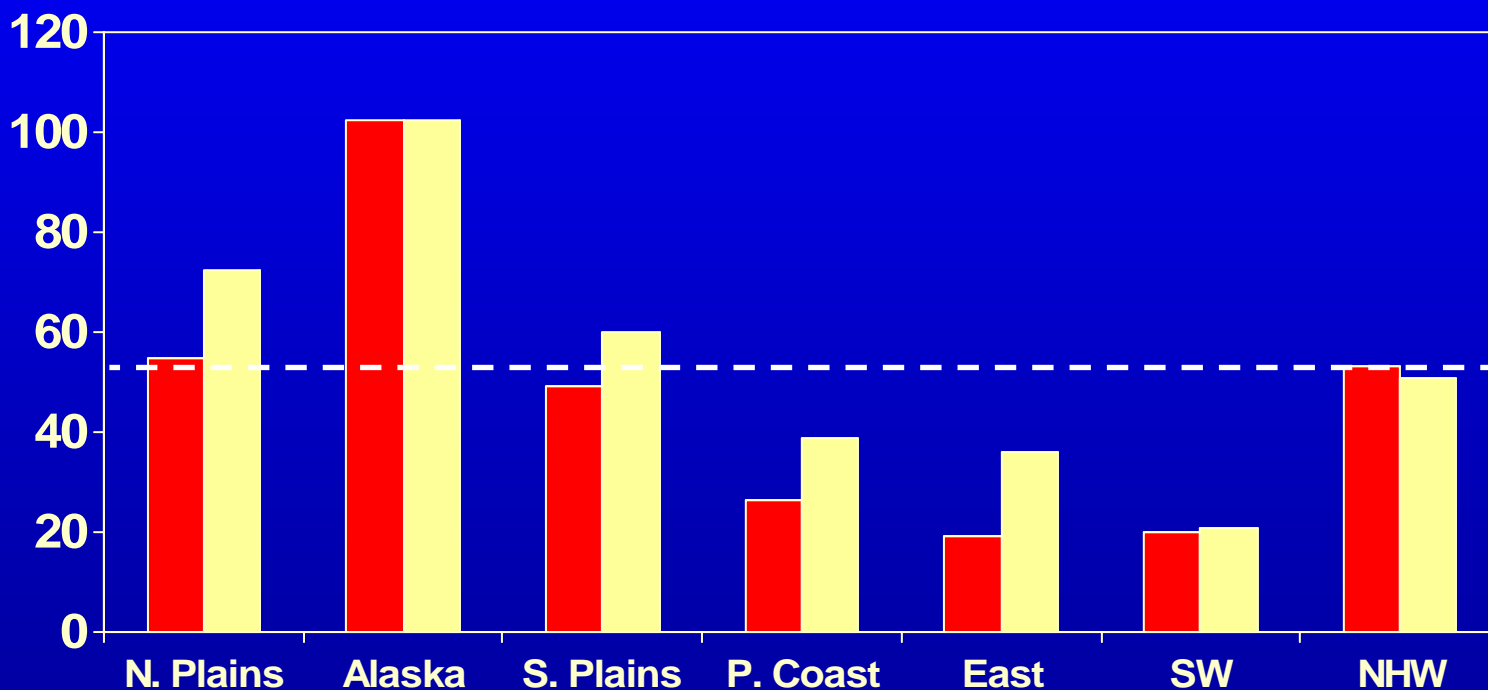
- IHS Contract Health Service Delivery Area counties contain or are adjacent to tribal lands
 - Compared to other counties, higher proportion of AI/AN and less AI/AN race misclassification

Table. Incidence Rates in CHSDA and Total AI/AN, Diagnosis Years 1995-2004 (cases per 100K).

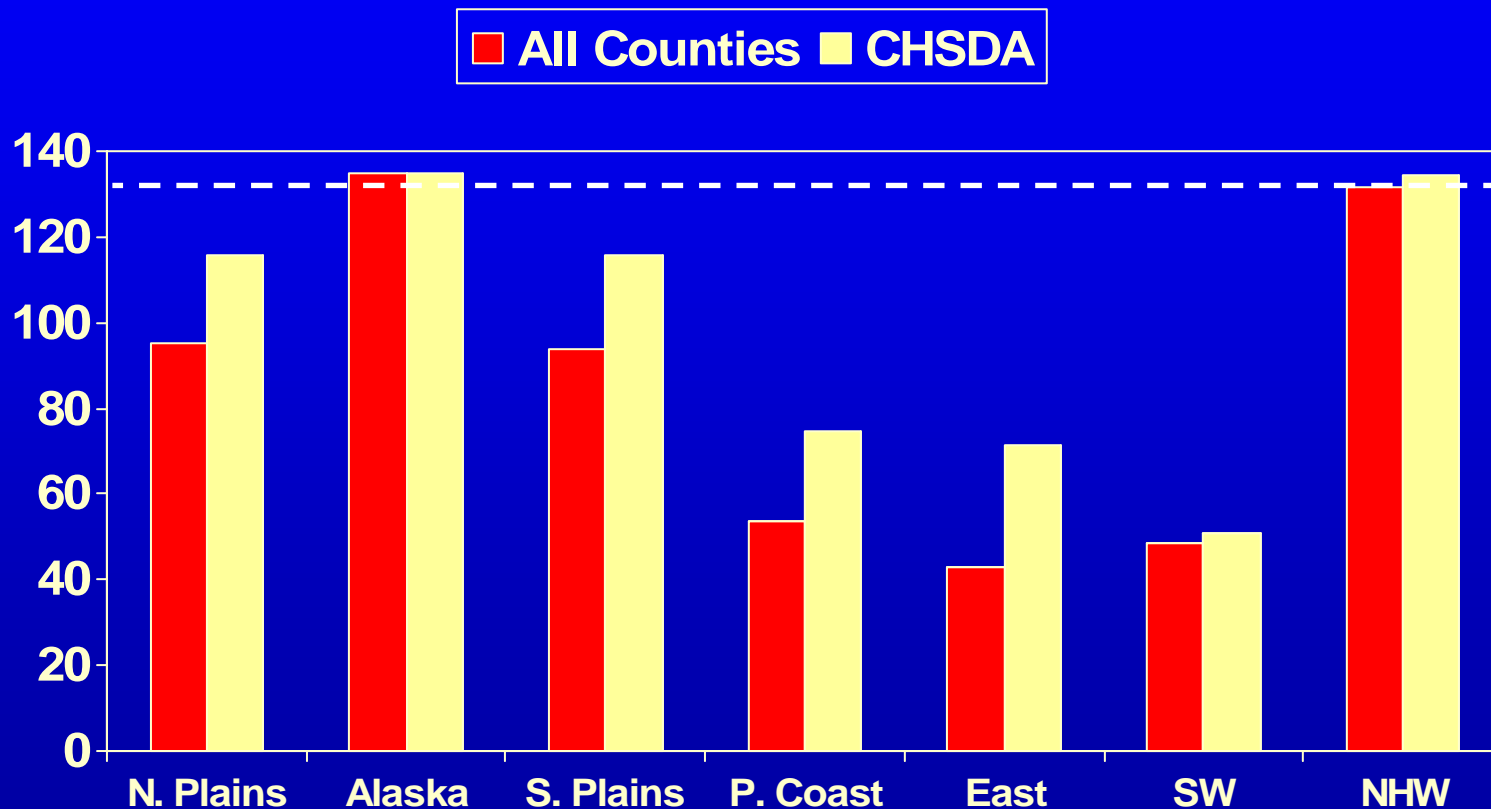
Gender	Cancer Site	CHSDA AI/AN	Total AI/AN
Male	All sites	406.9	297.4
Male	Colon and rectum	51.5	36.8
Female	Breast	84.7	62.9
Female	Kidney and renal pelvis	13.9	9.3

AI/AN colorectal cancer rates per 100,000, by region, both sexes, compared to US NHW rates, 1999-2004

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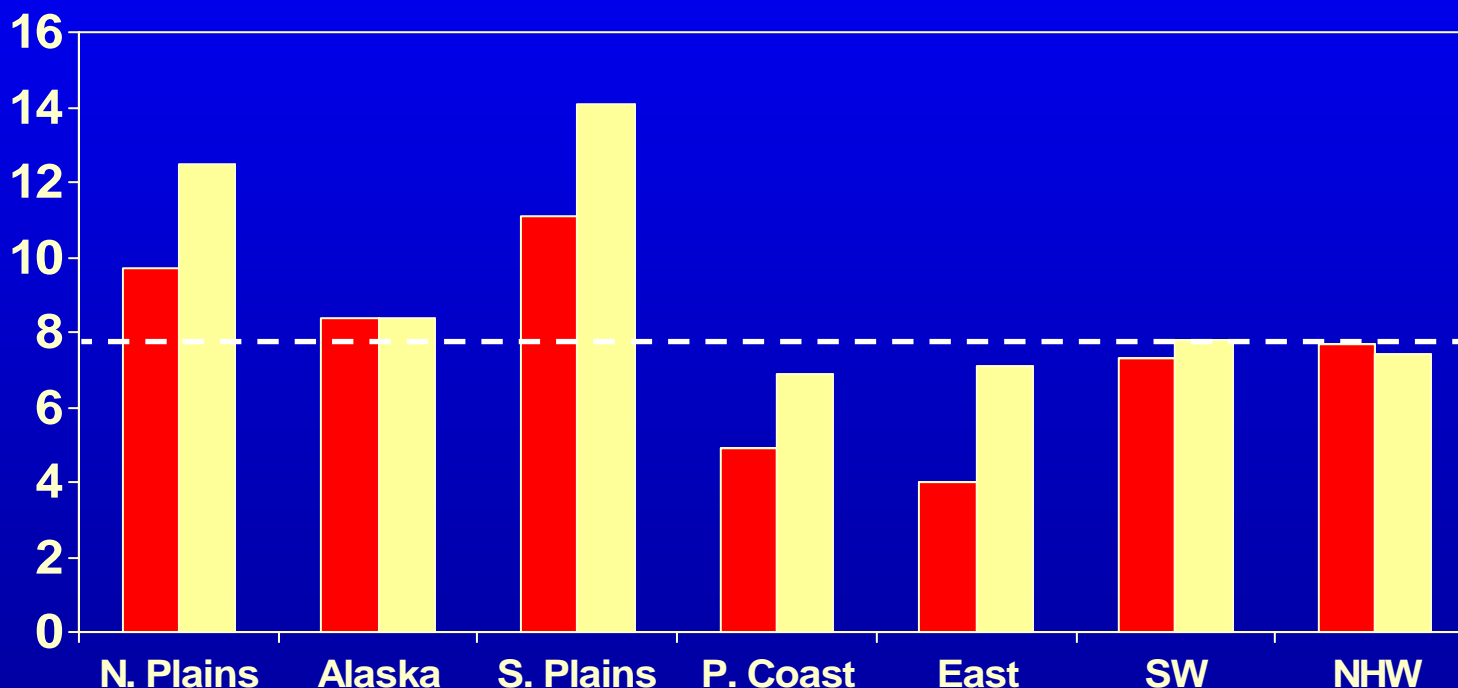


AI/AN breast cancer rates per 100,000, by region, females, compared to US NHW rates, 1999-2004



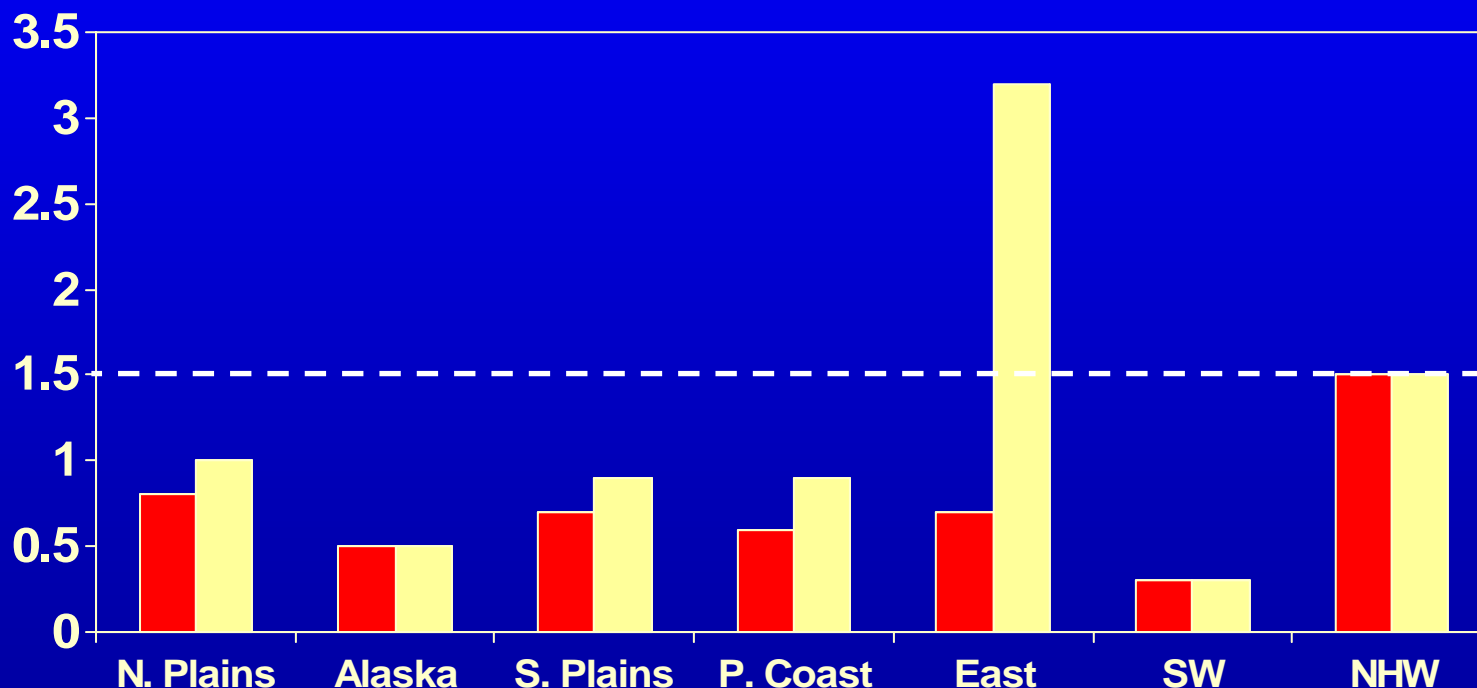
AI/AN cervical cancer rates per 100,000, by region, females, compared to US NHW rates, 1999-2004

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AI/AN renal cancer rates per 100,000, by region, both sexes, compared to US NHW rates, 1999-2004

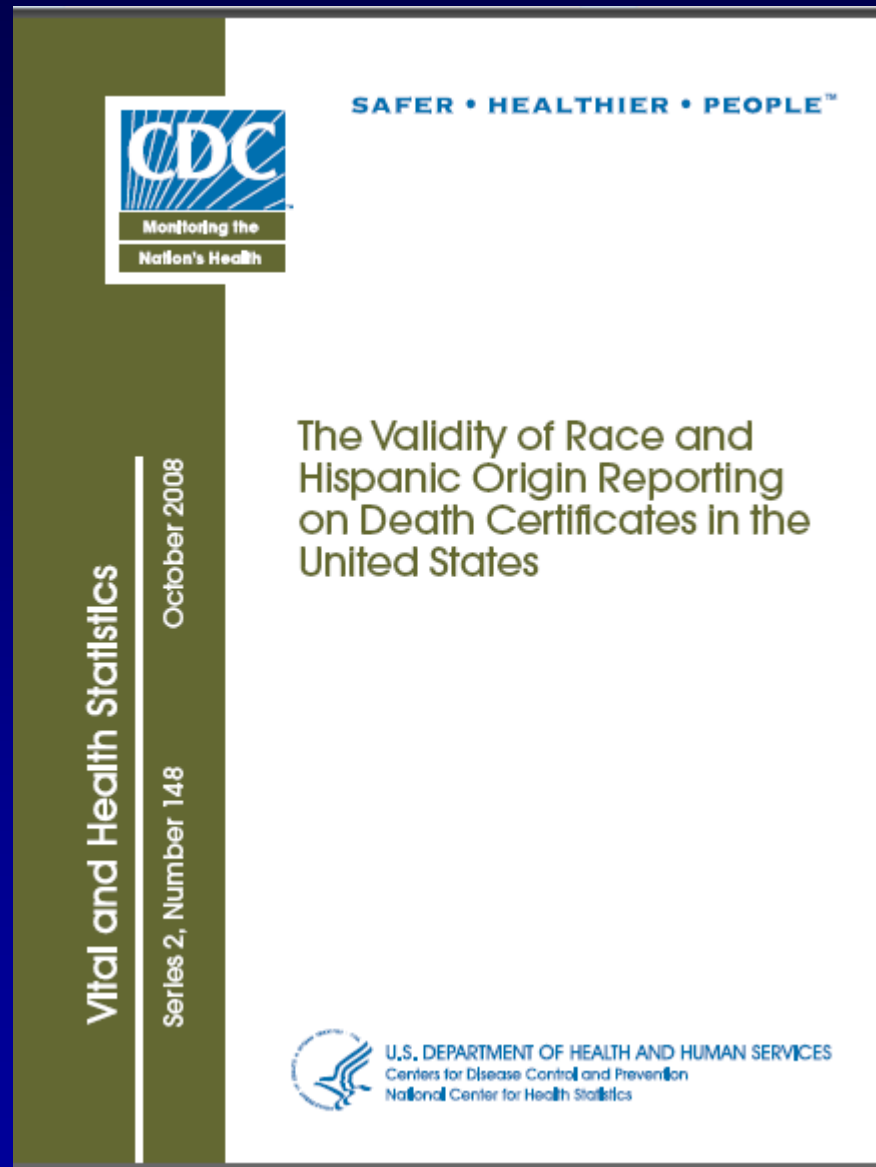
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Limitations

- IHS only covers 57% of the AI/AN population
- Linkage between a state cancer registry and a Bemidji Area Tribe
 - 1995-2004 diagnosis years
 - IHS identified 614 individuals that were not identified as AI/AN by the registry
 - Bemidji Area Tribe identified 242 individuals that were not identified as AI/AN by the registry OR by linkage with IHS

National Longitudinal Mortality Survey



NCI: SEER Linkage(s)

➤ SEER-Medicare

- Annual linkage for follow-up status & survival statistics
- Every 2-3 years linkage to yield a “research file” of SEER & CMS data

➤ SEER-SSA

- Annual linkage for follow-up status & survival statistics

➤ SEER-NDI

- Annual linkage for follow-up status (cause of death) & survival statistics

➤ SEER-NLMS

- Research file to investigate socio-economic determinants of cancer, racial/ethnic misclassification, and health disparities