

# Vietnamese Women's Health Project



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# Project Overview

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Vietnamese Americans are the fastest growing Asian and Pacific Islander ethnic group in the US. However, little is known in the US medical community about how Southeast Asian immigrants prevent diseases, and few studies have addressed cancer control among Vietnamese Americans, This is particularly important since cervical cancer occurs more frequently among Vietnamese women than among women of any other race/ethnicity in the US. These high rates of cervical cancer are mainly due to low rates of Pap testing.

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Harbor-view Medical Center are working together on the Vietnamese Women's Health Project. The overall goal of this project is to increase Pap testing use among Vietnamese women in Seattle.

A community advisory board has been involved in the project. In this phase of the project, bilingual, bicultural female outreach workers will deliver an intervention that includes home visits, logistic assistance, tailored counseling, and the use of a DVD/video and pamphlet.

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