

The Chinese Women's Health Project

Outreach Worker Manual

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This manual provides background information that can be used by the outreach workers for the Chinese Women's Health Project. The outreach workers' role is to enhance awareness about cervical cancer and increase the use of Pap testing.

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Increasing the regular use of Pap testing by underserved populations has been identified as a research priority. Less acculturated Chinese women in North America have high rates of invasive cervical cancer and demonstrate low use of Pap testing compared to other groups. However, there is little information concerning the control of cancer in Chinese populations.

The British Columbia Cancer Agency, Harbor-view Medical Center, and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center are working together on the Chinese Women's Health Project. The overall goal of this project is to increase the use of Pap testing among Chinese North American women.

The project emphasizes community involvement with bilingual, bicultural outreach workers delivering an intervention that includes home visits, logistic assistance, barrier-specific counseling, and the use of videotapes and print materials.

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