About Us
The Institute for Health Promotion Research, or IHPR, investigates the causes of and solutions to the unequal impact of cancer, chronic disease and obesity among Latinos in San Antonio, South Texas and the nation.

The IHPR, founded in 2006, is based at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio with a satellite office in Harlingen, Texas.

Areas of Expertise
• Latino health disparity research and training
• Health promotion/communication
• Cancer control research from primary prevention to survivorship
• Obesity, diabetes and healthy lifestyles

Functions
• Develop, test and implement behavioral health interventions, projects and programs.
• Train and mentor Latino undergrads, grads, fellows and pre/post-doctoral researchers.
• Communicate with research, health, policy, media and public groups via websites, social media, news releases, PSAs, educational materials and scientific articles and reports.

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**Cancer, Disease & Healthy Lifestyles Research Projects**

- **Salud America!** The RWJF Research Network to Prevent Obesity Among Latino Children is a 2,000-advocate network to develop Latino researchers and policy solutions to Latino child obesity [www.salud-america.org](http://www.salud-america.org)

- **Redes En Acción** The National Latino Cancer Research Network is an NCI network of 2,000 researchers/advocates dedicated to reducing Latino cancer disparities through research, training and awareness [www.redesenaccion.org](http://www.redesenaccion.org)

- **Breast Cancer (BC) Research:** CHOICES—Testing Communication Technologies to Accrue Latinas in BC Clinical Trials (Komen); Improving Mind and Physical Activity among BC Survivors (Komen); Exercise Behaviors & Latina BC Survivors (NCI); Staying Healthy: BC Survivor Health Screening Promotion Project (Komen)

- **Patient Education/Navigation & Promotoras:** Testing PN to Accrue Children into Cancer Clinical Trials in South Texas (NCI); Salud San Antonio! Testing Promotores to Boost Latinas’ Cancer Screening (CPRIT); Testing PN to Increase Latino Breast/Colon/Prostate Cancer Survivors’ QoL (NCI); Using Promotoras to Link Survivors to Services (LIVESTRONG); Peer Education to Prevent Cervical Cancer in Latina Mothers/Daughters in South Texas (CPRIT)

- **Healthy Lifestyles Research:** Texting/Intervention to Boost Latina Girl Scouts’ Physical Activity (NIH); ENLACE for Latinas’ Physical Activity (NIH); Nutrition and Exercise Start Today (NIH); Y Living (CPRIT)

- **Training/Others:** Éxito! Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training (NCI); GMaP “Hub” to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (NCI)

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