

Plenary A: Data Makes a Difference: Measuring Diabetes and Obesity in the Indian Health System

Speakers: Kelly Acton, MD, MPH, FACP
Theresa Cullen, MD, MS

Continuous improvements in individual and population health status require ongoing attention to quality. Indian Health Service is incorporating cost, efficiency and quality transparency into our health care delivery models. This plenary presentation will describe these forces and how they affect delivery of health care in the present and the future for chronic conditions like diabetes and obesity.

1. Discuss how electronic information requires changes in the health care delivery systems.
2. Discuss ways to increase collaboration between program staff and information technology specialists.
3. Discuss future need for data and how data can help improve the care and health status of AI/AN patients and populations.