



SUNDANCE SUPPLIES

In late 1980s the Great Plains Area Indian Health Service recognized the possibility of HIV transmission through piercing of skin and flesh offerings during annual Sundance ceremonies. With this possibility in mind, it is recommended that education about HIV and medical supplies be provided to Sundance leaders and dancers.

PRECAUTIONS³⁴

These precautions were originally written in 1997 and have been widely adapted and utilized since then.

1. Use latex gloves when piercing or taking flesh offerings, and change gloves between contact with each dancer.
2. A person with open cuts or sores on the hands should avoid assisting with piercing and exposure to blood. Gloves are only a barrier; they cannot prevent needle sticks or scalpel lacerations.
3. If gloves are not available, wash hands in a bleach and water solution (one part bleach; 10 parts water).
4. Use a different scalpel or needle on each dancer or participant.
5. Dispose of scalpels and needles in puncture-proof containers.
6. Use the bleach and water solution (1:10) in the puncture-proof container to kill any organisms on used scalpel and needles.
7. Take puncture proof containers to IHS service unit for disposal. Do not leave the used container where someone could get exposed to its contents. The service unit can dispose of containers in a manner that will prevent injuries.
8. Do not share items exposed to the blood of another person. Example: ropes or pegs.
9. If you are not able to get supplies (scalpels, needles, gloves, bleach, puncture proof containers) or need more, contact the local IHS service unit.

POTENTIAL SOURCES OF SUPPLIES AND FUNDING

The Indian Health Service formerly provided supplies for Sundance safety. From 2010 to 2014, the CBA/HIV Project took over this service. The grant funding this Project has been completed and these supplies are no longer available. Therefore, we recommend that Tribes look into the following potential sources of funding and supplies to fill in this gap. Note that these funding sources are not guaranteed and will require proposals to secure.

FUNDING

- Master Contract with IHS: <http://www.ihs.gov>
- Magic Johnson Foundation: MJFPrograms@magicjohnsoncharities.com
 - Write a proposal for general HIV/AIDS Prevention among the Native American Tribes
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>
 - Write a proposal for Open Grant Opportunity
- AIDS.GOV: <http://www.aids.gov/federal-resources/funding-opportunities/how-to-get-funding/>
- National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
 - Address: 444 North Capitol Street, Northwest- Suite 339, Washington DC 2001
 - Phone: 202-434-8090
 - Website: www.nastad.org

³⁴ Giroux et al., 1997.



- National Coalition of STD Directors
 - Address: 1275 K Street, Northwest- Suite 1000, Washington DC 20005
 - Phone: 202-842-4660
 - Website: www.ncsddc.org

SUPPLIERS

NORTH DAKOTA

Advance Indoor Solutions

- Address: 104 2nd Avenue Northwest
Mandan, ND 58554
- Phone: 701-255-2606

Care Medical

- Address: 223 4th Avenue Northeast #B
Devils Lake, ND 58301
- Phone: 701-622-5056

Medquest Home Medical Equipment

- Address: 2816 South Broadway
Minot, ND 58701
- Phone: 701-852-3596

Merit Care Health Care Solutions

- Address: 1023 10th Street, Southeast
Jamestown, ND 58401
- Phone: 701-852-3596

Praxair Health Care Services

- Address: 2816 South Broadway
Minot ND 58701
- Phone: 701-852-3596

SOUTH DAKOTA

Avera Medical Equipment

- Address: 816 6th Avenue Southeast #2
Aberdeen, SD 57401
- Phone: 605-225-5070

Dignity Medical Devices Inc

- Address: 3130 West 57th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
- Phone: 605-274-1674

Kreisers Inc

- Address: 403 West Boulevard
Rapid City, SD 57701
- Phone: 605-342-2773

Lakota Enterprises

- Address: 3225 West Rapid Street
Rapid City, SD 57702
- Phone: 800-393-8290
- Email: jdford@lakotaenterprises.com

Native American Office Products

- Address: PO Box 1360
Rapid City, SD 57709
- Phone: 605-343-5948