

# The 1<sup>st</sup> International Telehealth Palliative Care Symposium

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# The Worldwide Need

- Chronic diseases such as cancer increasing
  - Shortage of palliative care professionals trained
  - Human needs unmet for symptoms such as pain control, emotional and spiritual support
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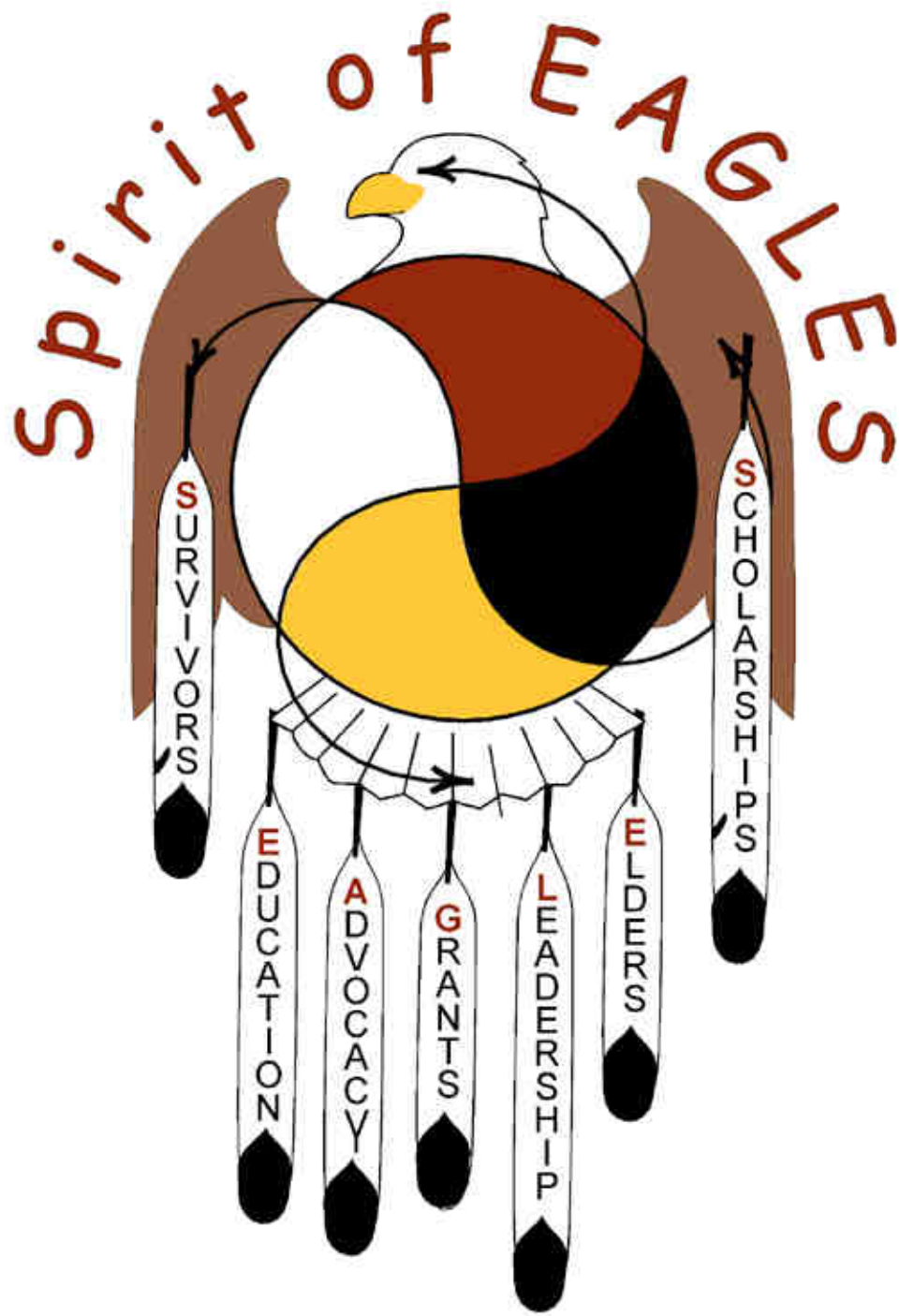
# Concept for a “virtual palliative care community”

- Provide support and training for those trying to lead improvements
- More places around the globe now “wired” to use the internet
- Great way to link “experts” with community based participation

# COMMUNITY NETWORKS

PROGRAM: U01 114609

- A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, USA
- COMMUNITY PARTICIPATORY MODEL
- FULL CONTINUUM OF CARE FOCUSED





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# Background

- National Institutes of Health funded five-year palliative education program
  - Baseline survey conducted
- 2005 - 2008 symposiums
  - 2½ day format
  - Teams of health care providers
- 2009 symposium
  - How to continue education in a cost effective manner?
  - Two changes—international patterns and delivery format

**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 5-7, 2009**



## **International Telehealth Palliative Care Symposium**

*A palliative care symposium for doctors, midlevel practitioners, nurses,  
pharmacists, social workers and other health care providers.*

*Opportunities to join in person at selected sites,  
Video-conferencing sites, and the Web.*

**Check [www.palliativeak.org](http://www.palliativeak.org) for updates**

Presented By: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium  
Mayo Cancer Center Native American Program · Intercultural Cancer Council  
State of Alaska Comprehensive Cancer Program · Fort Defiance Hospital, Arizona  
University of Mexico School of Medicine – Palliative Care Section · Hospice of Anchorage  
Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario · Native American Cancer Research  
Indian Health Service · National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service

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- ANTHC “command center”
- Innovative website developed with open source software
- Varied participation opportunities
- Partners
- Expanded world-wide









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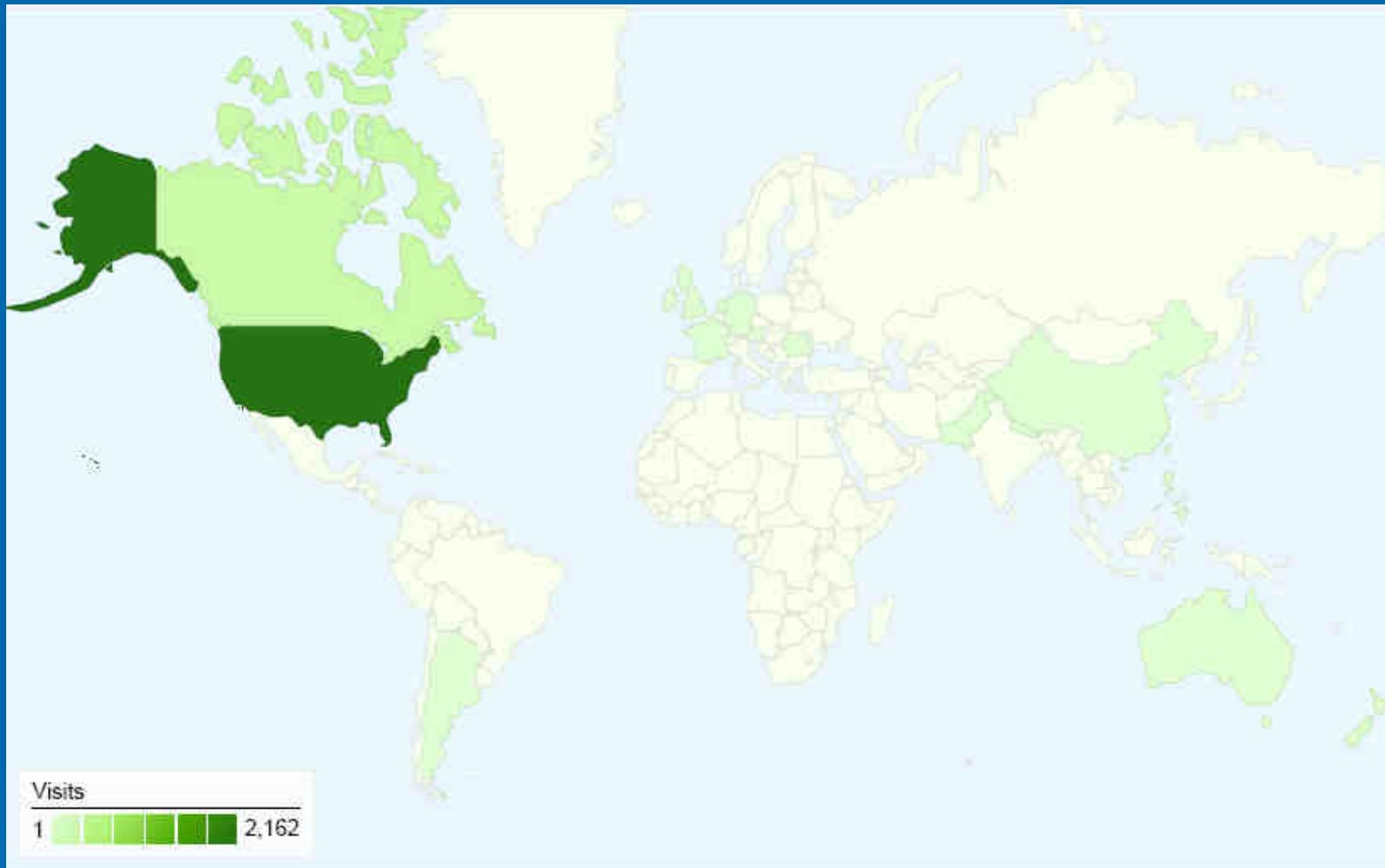


# Symposium Results

- Over 400 registrants
- Symposium cost less than previous onsite offerings
  - \$28,000 vs. \$125,000
- Registration offered at no cost

2009	2007	2006	2005
407	175	193	271

- Continuing education
- Attendee feedback positive



**2,536 visits came from 19 countries/territories**

[www.palliativeak.org](http://www.palliativeak.org)  
**Map Overlay**

**Apr 20, 2009 - May 17, 2009**  
Comparing to: Site

# NEXT STEPS

- DATES FOR APRIL 26-28, 2010
- REVIEW 6 MONTH POST CONFERENCE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT
- CONTINUE TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WORLDWIDE!