



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amendment to Staphylococcus Aureus Research Study)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports the efforts and assistance that Johns Hopkins has given to the White Mountain Apache Tribe to identify health problems which exist in the community and to develop appropriate interventions which seek to decrease or alleviate these problems; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University has conducted research projects for 37 years which aim to raise the level of health of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, invasive disease, such as pneumococcal among the White Mountain Apache community is continuously monitored due to the burden of disproportionately high rates primary in WMA adults 18+years compared with the general US population; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the routine utilization and preventive effects of invasive diseases, the Indian Health Service clinicians have expressed a deep concern about the burden of invasive Staphylococcus Aureus which was added to the bacterial surveillance in April 2015 (resolution #04-2015-64); and

WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health has added following:

- Add Staphylococcus aureus to the bacterial pathogens listed above.
- The surveillance would be conducted in a similar way as the ongoing study; and

WHEREAS, we are requesting two amendments to better understand the severity of this pathogen:

1. We respectfully request permission from the tribe to add a study arm to collect nasal swabs from 500 American Indian children and adults to determine the prevalence of *S. aureus* colonization. Children (<5 years of age) and adults (\geq 18 years of age) will be recruited by study assistants from IHS pediatric clinics, community centers and events. Informed consent will be collected from adult participants and parents/legal guardians of children. A swab of the anterior nares (the outer most portion of the nose/nostrils) will be collected and a questionnaire will be administered to collect information on demographics, household characteristics and medical history. With this information, we will be able to determine the prevalence of colonization among American Indian children and adults as well as risk factors for colonization.
2. We respectfully request permission from the tribe to further test the isolates of *S. aureus* using molecular methods to determine the strains of *S. aureus* circulating in the community. With this information, we will be able to characterize the strains circulating in the community, compare to the strains causing invasive disease in the community, and compare to the strains circulating in the general population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, data analyses will be de-identified and maintained with the highest standards of confidentiality. When first analyses are complete, the local JHU Apache study team with our JHCAIH technical advisors will present data to the Tribal Council and Health Board for feedback and discussion of recommended next steps for prevention.

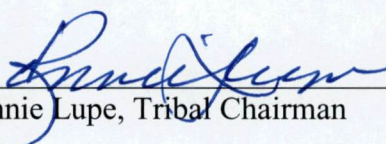
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to add staphylococcus aureus invasive pathogen to the ongoing bacterial surveillance study which has been monitored over the last 25 years in order to grasp a better understanding of this persistent disease among the White Mountain Apache community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

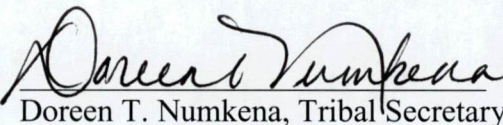
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **DECEMBER 13, 2016** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

2/16/17
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

2/7/2017
Date