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Dear AAIP membership:

The number of Native physicians are disproportionately low with one notable contributing factor being the lack of Native physician role models. Many of our youth simply do not consider becoming a physician as a viable career option largely as they do not believe Natives can be doctors. To increase the number of Native physicians we propose the creation of a children's book series supplemented with a website hub presence of past and current Native physicians articulating how to become a physician. To accomplish this AAIP needs your help.

The first books shall highlight past and current Native physicians with messaging directed to the younger age groups. The source material for the first Native physicians is publicly available yet AAIP desires to stress to children that Natives are current physicians, not just people of the past. This is where you come in.

Should you be willing to participate in this project, please provide the following information to Tom Anderson (email: [tanderson@aaip.org](mailto:tanderson@aaip.org)) and there is no page limit:

1) Your bio. Briefly, include your name, specialty - including any other degrees you have, your tribe(s) affiliation and current practice location. For the tribe(s) affiliation please be specific. Also specify any research you may have directed or been part of. This serves additionally for children to see Natives as researchers and for adding to future books to learn Native's can be scientists.

2) Photos for the illustrator—include any photos, including formal ones. One illustrator requested a full length photo and another portrait style for the website. Having several photos on hand would be great if you have more than one you would like to share. Photos with family are encouraged and welcomed.

3) How do you help/serve Native people. This can be anything such as working with Native patients or students to being an AAIP member and role model for Native physicians (but if you are looking for something to buff up this section now would be a good time to volunteer for an AAIP committee).

4) One or more habits that helped you succeed. A future book will cover how to become a physician including habits that kids can practice at any age. To avoid additional requests we'd like this information now.

5) Words of advice for future physicians.

6) Any obstacles you overcame that you care to share (optional). This can be challenges you faced, external barriers or mistakes you made and lessons learned.

7) Anything you want to add that isn't in the bio (optional). This section will be titled something like "What you probably didn't know about me."

8) A funny story about you (optional). This can be from any setting (not just medical).

Please forward your information by April 30, 2021 however we are glad to accept submissions at any time. The books cannot be changed once printed although you can make changes to the information for the website at any time. Ideally we'll have a mix of medical/surgical specialties, genders (including LGBTQI2S+), practice types and practice locations (including at least some from each IHS area). I anticipate more than one book and would like to post the material on the AAIP website where everyone will be included. For brevity this message has provided outlining general details. I'd be happy to share more specifics upon request.

There is an attach consent form to use for the material placed on the web. There are two options:

- 1) Consent to have the material posted on the AAIP public website and potential authors/illustrators. This would include social media.
- 2) Consent to have the material posted on a secure, member's only section of the AAIP website (currently in progress) and with potential authors/illustrators, but NOT on the public website or social media.

The AAIP membership proposed a number of other ideas for this project to be delineated in detail at the annual business meeting and all of them are under consideration. If you have any additional ideas please let us know.

Thank you for considering helping with this project!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Baines

Tlingit/Tsimshian

Chair, AAIP Education Committee



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## Consent for Photography/Videotaping/Filming/Imaging

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*Participant's Name (please print)*

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*Date of Consent*

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*Participant's Street Address*

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*City, State*

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*Zip Code*

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*Participant's Telephone Number*

I hereby consent to my material for the Children's Books Project provided to the Association of American Indian Physicians be used as follows: *(check one)*:

**1) I grant my consent without reserve to have the material(s) posted on the AAIP public website, social media outlets and potential authors/illustrators.**

**2) I grant my consent without reserve to have the material posted on a secure, member's only section of the AAIP website (currently in progress) and with potential authors/illustrators, but NOT on the public website or social media.**

I understand this consent may be revoked in writing at any time, except to the extent that action has already been taken in reliance upon this consent. Unless revoked, this consent will not expire.

Signed by:

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