Some Facts on Cancer in Asian-Americans:

- Cancer has been the number one killer of Asian-American women since at least 1995.
- Invasive cervical cancer is the number one cancer to occur in Southeast Asian women.
- Rates of newly diagnosed invasive cervical cancer in Southeast Asian women are five times higher than the rate among White American women.
- Southeast Asian men have the highest liver cancer rates of all racial and ethnic groups.
- The rates of newly diagnosed liver cancer in Southeast Asian populations are up to 11 times higher than the rate among White Americans.
- Higher smoking rates are seen among Southeast Asian populations than among other Asian groups.

The term “Southeast Asian” refers to persons from many countries, ethnic groups, and cultures, including the following: Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, Mien, Vietnamese.

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What will AANCART mean for Seattle?

- The four regions will each choose two principal cancers and two target Asian communities. In Seattle, AANCART will work primarily with the Cambodian and Vietnamese communities, and the cancers will be cervical cancer and liver cancer.