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The Immigrant Breast Health Access (IBHA) Program aims to increase awareness of [breast cancer](#) among Arab American women. We partner with community- and faith-based organizations to deliver culturally sensitive education about breast cancer, and facilitate the uptake of cancer screening services. We also support women [diagnosed with breast cancer](#) by helping them access healthcare services, linking them to multidisciplinary resources, and providing psychosocial support.

IBHA offers:

Arabic-language breast health workshops for women

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## Health information at community health fairs

## Cultural competency training for healthcare professionals who work with Arab Americans

### Assistance with health insurance enrollment

## Case management for breast cancer patients

IBHA collaborates with a variety of religious institutions and community-based organizations, including the [Arab American Association of New York](#), [Arab American Family Support Center](#), and Arab American Friendship Center.

The Colorectal Cancer Initiative, modeled after IBHA, provides Arabic-language education on [colorectal cancer](#), and helps the community access screening services.

The Arab Health Initiative is investigating barriers to cervical cancer screening and the human papilloma virus vaccination. We are assessing self-reported HPV vaccine recommendation practices among clinicians serving adolescent and young adult Arab American patients as well as adherence to standard HPV vaccination guidelines. We are also conducting a research project that aims to determine the adherence of Arab American women to HPV vaccination recommendations for their children, and to cervical cancer screening recommendations for themselves.

## Arab Health Initiative

supportive care intervention, Meaning- Centered Supportive Care for Muslims (Masterful) with advanced cancer.

## Contact Us

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