## Ardie Health Web Site

The Arctic Health Web site (www.arctichealth.org) is a collaborative effort between the Alaska Medical Library at the Consortium Library of the University of the Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and the National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine, Outreach and Special Populations Branch. The goal of the Web site is to bring together, in one location, information on diverse aspects of the Arctic environment and the health of northern peoples. t gives access to evaluated health information from hundreds of local, State, national, and international agencies, as well as from professional societies, universities, and Native Alaskan and indigenous communities. The portal contains several resources for both researchers and consumers. The topic areas covered are: publications and research, environmental health, telehealth and telemedicine, traditional healing, health topics, and links to government organizations and programs. A climate change and circumpolar health section is being developed and seeks to provide access to unique and special collections not currently available on the Internet.

An information portal to issues affecting the health and well-being of our planet's northern most inhabitants.

Arctic Health makes several unique and special collections available on the Internet. The traditional healing page offers interviews and video panel discussions about traditional healing and practices in the Native Alaskan community. These provide a great resource for understanding the practices, and the utilization of the storytelling tradition to pass on stories and understandings from generations of Native Alaskans. Arctic Health creates robust databases containing bibliographic information, research projects, and grey literature. The Frostbite collection is a series of photographs and notes from the leading frost bite expert Dr. William J. Mills, Jr. The collection illustrates the danger of frost bite, treatments,

## **Health Topics Section Features:**

The Health Topics section contains resources about specific diseases and conditions and how they are unique within circumpolar health.

"Information for Northern Peoples" – search information that specifically addresses health topics associated with people of the Arctic.

"Our Stories and Narratives" – uses the Alaskan Native storytelling tradition to discuss personal experiences as they relate to health topics. Over the next year, NLM hopes to capture additional stories about the health and health traditions of the northern most inhabitants.

"Organizations, Programs and Services" – locate and identify resources and specific programs that can be used by northern peoples.

"General Health Information" – provides resources for understanding health topics in their entirety. Links from MedlinePlus<sup>®</sup> provide information on symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment from trusted medical sources.

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and progression of the injury. A new collection of original photos from nutritionist Miriam Bell shows native foods and how they are gathered and processed. This image of whale processing is from New Point,

Alaska. Arctic Health also hosts several educational cancer videos for consumers created by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Arctic Health strives to

locate, preserve, and provide access to

special collections for future generations.

