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Dr. Donald Warne comes from a long line of traditional Lakota healers. He has definitely lived up to his Indian name, Pejuta Wicasa, which means Medicine Man.

In addition to a solid background in Traditional Healing, Dr. Warne holds an MD from Stanford University and a Master of Public Health from Harvard University. He is also a Diplomate of both the American Board of Family Practice and the American Board of Medical Acupuncture.

A true entrepreneur with a strong intellectual curiosity, Dr. Warne devotes most of his free time to a diverse range of professional interests. He is particularly interested in finding ways to integrate traditional Indian medicine with modern scientific medicine and alternative medicine.

Since 1998, Dr. Warne has worked as a family physician in the American Indian community. As a Staff Clinician with the National Institutes of Health in Phoenix from 2000 to 2003, he conducted diabetes research and developed diabetes education and prevention programs for Native American tribes.

Dr. Warne is currently on the faculty of the Arizona State University College of Law, where he teaches classes on American Indian Health Law and Policy. He also works with the Indian Legal Program, and is the chair of the Traditional Cultural Advocacy Committee at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center.