

*Cancer
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NYSCC NEWSLETTER

The Consortium recognizes the uncertainty that ongoing changes at the federal level is causing for organizations working in public health and human services. The NYS Cancer Consortium remains committed to its mission to reduce the human and economic burden of cancer in New York State.

It's important to remind ourselves that the Consortium's work is deeply rooted in science and data, and we are dedicated to implementing our mission and the New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan with diligence and care.

The Consortium is also committed to its vision that people concerned about cancer will work collaboratively to implement the Cancer Plan while respecting and embracing the cultural, demographic, and geographic diversity within New York. In fact, it's the collaborative and diverse nature of this voluntary organization that is our strength.

On behalf of the Consortium's Steering Committee, as New Yorkers let's continue to support and lean on each other.

If you are looking for opportunities to engage with Consortium partners and stay up to date with federal changes that may impact cancer control, please reach out to the Consortium and consider connecting with key partners such as:

- [American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network](#)
- [Susan G. Komen Center for Public Policy](#)

Protect Cancer Registries: An Essential Tool in America's War on Cancer



Data from cancer registries play a crucial role in the fight against cancer in the U.S. They provide vital insights into who is affected by cancer, the types being diagnosed, and the geographical distribution of cases. Additionally, registries help evaluate the effectiveness of screening and prevention strategies, as well as the adoption and efficacy of new therapies.

[Click here](#) to get more information on the benefits of robust data collection.

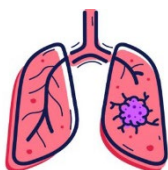
The Consortium recognizes the following opportunities for advocacy and recognition during May and June.

May: [National Women's Health Month](#), [National Women's Health Week 5/12 – 5/18](#), [Melanoma Awareness Month](#), [Mental Health Awareness Month](#), [Don't Fry Day 5/26](#), [Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)

June: [Men's Health Month](#), [Men's Health Week 6/10 – 6/16](#), [National Cancer Survivors Day 6/2](#), [National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week 6/13 – 6/19](#)

RECOGNIZING AWARENESS MONTHS:

Lung Cancer Action Week



Lung Cancer is the number one cancer killer in the United States. In New York, 70% of all lung cancers are diagnosed at a late stage, when it is difficult to treat. We can change that! Lung cancer can be caught early, when it is much more easily treatable, through lung cancer screening.

The New York State Cancer Consortium's [Lung Cancer Screening Action Team \(LCSAT\)](#) is working to save lives through early detection. The LCSAT has developed a [website](#) where New Yorkers can find the closest lung cancer screening location and has partnered with [GO2 for Lung](#)

[Cancer](#) to educate patients and healthcare providers on lung cancer screening. In addition, the LCSAT is working with New York State legislators to help remove barriers to lung cancer screening, like co-pays for follow up testing after lung cancer screening.

The LCSAT received funding from the American Cancer Society to engage underserved communities and raise awareness about lung cancer screening, screening eligibility, and screening locations in the Southern Tier and surrounding areas through a targeted radio awareness campaign. Congratulations!

[Lung Cancer Screening Webpage](#)



The NYS Department of Health recently published its first [Lung Cancer Screening Webpage](#). The page includes information on screening recommendations, testing guidelines, resources and risks.

[Lung Cancer Screening Article](#)



An article co-authored by Susan Opar MD, FAAFP; Heather Dacus, DO, MPH; Mary Reid BSN, MSPH, PhD and Whitney Mendel, MSW, PhD was published in the [New York State Association of Family Physicians \(NYSAFP\)](#) and by the [Medical Society of the State of New York \(MSSNY\)](#) entitled ***Lung Cancer Screening: Making it the New Norm for Early Detection and Improved Survival***. The article describes the state of and evidence for lung cancer screening and concludes that current low lung cancer screening rates highlight the need for improvement in screening awareness and utilization, and when primary care physicians discuss yearly lung cancer screening with their patients, they can raise awareness, offer screening to appropriate patients, address tobacco cessation, and save lives.

[National Cancer Survivors Day](#)



Cancer survivorship encompasses the phase of care that follows the initial diagnosis and treatment of cancer. It includes the physical, emotional, and social challenges that individuals face after the completion of treatment. New York State is home to more than 1.1 million cancer survivors. This number will continue to rise due to advancements in medical technology, early detection methods, improved treatment protocols, and the aging of the population.

Although cancer programs in NYS provide specialized care, including follow-up screenings, rehabilitation services, and management of side effects, most post-treatment care is delivered in the community setting. Primary care physicians play a crucial role in coordinating care and addressing the long-term health needs of survivors. The New York State [Cancer Consortium Survivorship Action Team](#) has focused on primary care provider education, developing the primary care and advanced practitioner workforce to deliver survivorship care as well as identifying the resources available throughout New York.

[Improving Navigation for Cancer Survivors in Rural Communities](#)



To increase the capacity of primary care practices to address the needs of cancer survivors, The Survivorship Action Team is implementing an educational series for patient navigators who support cancer survivors in rural areas of New York State. Please help promote this educational series to patient navigators in your rural areas.

During three, one-hour, continuing education (CE)-granting sessions (May 8, May 22 and June 5) patient navigators and those in similar roles will increase their capacity to care for cancer survivors and understand the many issues that cancer survivorship may bring. Visit the [Survivorship Learning Series](#) to find out more or click here to [register](#).

CONSORTIUM NEWS:

[HPV Coalition – Collegiate Workgroup](#)



The Consortium would like to give a big shout-out to the HPV Coalition's Collegiate workgroup for presenting a poster that explores the creation, dissemination, and evaluation of the "College & University HPV Toolkit" at the [National HPV Conference 2025 | Indianapolis, IN](#). The toolkit supports HPV vaccine education and promotion on college campuses.

For more information please visit: [HPV Coalition Action Team | New York State Cancer Consortium](#)

[Success Stories Request](#)



The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is looking for stories related to recent cuts to cancer research programs and public health funding in support of the ACS-CAN campaign for cancer cures. There is strong interest on Capitol Hill, from the broader advocacy community and from the media, to understand the impact on medical research from these reductions in funding and workforce. Gathering these real-life experiences from cancer patients, researchers, and providers is our opportunity to understand and tell that story to explain the value of federal investments in medical research.

Decades of progress are in jeopardy due to cuts in research funding, staff reductions, and policy shifts at the federal level. The long-standing, broad consensus of support enjoyed by America's premier research institutions is under threat, putting cancer cures and America's leadership in cancer innovation at risk.

What types of stories is ACS CAN looking to elevate?

- **Patients impacted** by paused, canceled or delayed clinical trials.
- **Researchers with NIH or NCI-funded grants/contracts** that have been paused, canceled, reduced, or delayed.
 - What work was stopped/curtailed?
 - How much money was rescinded/what fraction of grant/contract?
 - Did this result in wasted money (e.g. sunk costs that won't produce data/information)?
 - Was there loss of data from the public domain? Either retrospective or prospective? What was it?
 - What impact is there to staff?
 - Can you provide vignettes of success stories that your work/research has led to in the past that might not be possible today?
 - Can you provide documentation of the cut/cancellation? E.g. letter, grant/contract number etc.?
- **Impacts on training/career pipeline for researchers or providers**
 - Are you aware of training grants or early career awards that have been canceled?
 - What was the impact on the trainee or researcher? Will they be able to continue?

New Quarterly Member Meeting Series: Health Equity and Cancer



The next session in the Consortium's [Health Equity and Cancer Series](#), *Health Equity and Cancer: Navigating the Complexities of the Cancer Care Continuum* will be held **May 15th, 2025, at 11 AM**.

In this session, we will explore successful strategies and influence the development of inclusive solutions in cancer care. We will highlight the crucial role of the Consortium in fostering collaboration among stakeholders and supporting research that emphasizes diversity. Our ultimate goal is to ensure equitable access to cancer resources for all.

If you missed any session of the series please visit the [Quarterly Member Meeting Series](#) to view the session recording and slide deck.

Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change (PSE)



Please join us on **Wednesday, June 4th from 11:00-11:30 AM** for the last session of our PSE Learning Series. This session will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and share information and updates on implementing policy, systems and environmental change strategies in their organizations.

- [Register Here](#)
- Visit [NYSCC PSE Learning Series](#) for information on prior sessions.

Social Media



The NYS Cancer Consortium is excited to connect with you on our social media platforms – [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#)! Just click on these links or search for us using our handle, [@nyscancerconsortium](#). In addition, you can now connect with the Consortium on [BlueSky](#), [@nyscc.sky.social](#). We'll be sharing updates, like highlights for cancer awareness months and Action Team projects, along with other exciting initiatives. Make sure to check in regularly so you don't miss any of the fun! Join us in spreading the word and making a difference!

Meetings and Training Opportunities



Please visit the "[Meetings and Trainings of Interest](#)" page on the [Consortium website](#). This regularly updated resource highlights a variety of meetings, training sessions, webinars, and events organized by our partners. If you would like to promote your event, please reach out to the Consortium via [email](#). You may also, complete the [New York State Cancer Consortium Member Meeting and Training \(Event\) Submission Form](#) available at the top of the webpage.

WHATS GOING ON IN NEW YORK STATE:

Wilmot Cancer Institute



The Consortium congratulates the Wilmot Cancer Institute of Western New York for officially becoming the 73rd National Cancer Institute (NCI) Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center!

[Click here to see what this opportunity means for the Western New York region.](#)

[Jonathan Friedberg tells us how he built a cancer center in an underserved area of New York State - The Cancer Letter](#)

Camp Lighthouse for Children of Breast Cancer Survivors



Camp Lighthouse was established by Breast Cancer Options in response to the lack of services available for children whose parents are diagnosed with breast cancer or who have lost a parent to this illness. Campers aged 8-15 years old experience programs of recreation, relaxation, and fun while receiving support to cope with the stresses of illness.

July 13th – 16th

Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY

For more information: 845-339-4673 or hope@breastcanceroptions.org

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Administrative Supplements on Long-term Cancer Survivorship



The National Cancer Institute (NCI) encourages current grant or cooperative agreement awardees to apply for administrative supplement funds to support research that addresses gaps in understanding long-term cancer survivorship and cancer treatment-related adverse effects.

[Administrative Supplements on Long-term Cancer Survivorship | Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences \(DCCPS\)](#)

Exact Sciences FOCUS Program



Exact Sciences seeks to provide grant funding that increases colorectal cancer screening, increases colorectal cancer screening access, and improves pathways to affordable follow-up screening colonoscopies after positive tests.

[FOCUS 1-25 RFP Final.pdf](#)

National Cancer Institute: Addressing Barriers to Healthcare Transitions for Survivors of Childhood and Adolescent Cancers



The NCI intends to support multi-level intervention studies that address individual and system level barriers to transition from pediatric to adult care for survivors of childhood and adolescent cancers. The goal of this opportunity is to support the development and testing of interventions and strategies that promote high-quality transitional care and continued engagement of survivors of childhood and adolescent cancers to ensure these survivors receive appropriate surveillance and care into adulthood.

[RFA-CA-25-019: Addressing Barriers to Healthcare Transitions for Survivors of Childhood and Adolescent Cancers \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

National Cancer Institute: Survivorship Research for People Living with Advanced and Metastatic Cancers



The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is interested in applications proposing observational or intervention studies focused on survivorship for people living with advanced and metastatic cancers.

[NOT-CA-25-024: Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Survivorship Research for People Living with Advanced and Metastatic Cancers](#)

DATA REPORTS AND OTHER RESOURCES

New York State



New Data and Reports:

[Colorectal Cancer Screening, New York State Adult ages 45-75, 2023](#)

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in New York State. This report describes that estimates of colorectal cancer screening are significantly lower among Adults who: are 45-54 years, without health insurance, without a regular health care provider, reporting no physical activity in the past 30 days, who currently smoke cigarettes, reporting a primary language other than English and those who are not US Veterans

[Physical Activity, New York State Adults, 2023](#)

Being physically active benefits adults of all ages, abilities, and diverse lived experiences. Regular physical activity reduces the risk of chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, many types of cancers, and the risk of premature death. This report finds; 73.9% of adults engage in some type of physical activity at least monthly, 58.4% engage in adequate aerobic activity, 41.8% engage in adequate muscle strengthening activity, and 30.8% engage in adequate aerobic and strengthening activities. Any physical activity and adequate physical activity are less prevalent among females, people with lower incomes, people with less education, people living with a disability, and people with obesity.

[Overweight and obesity, New York Adults, 2023](#)

Obesity risk factors are complex, involving health behaviors, stress, sleep, health conditions, medications, genetics, and environmental factors. This report finds: Approximately 2 out of every 3 adult New Yorkers have either overweight (36.1%) or obesity (28.0%). Disparities in obesity prevalence exist based on age, race and ethnicity, educational attainment, disability status, and place of residence. • Obesity is more prevalent among adults living with a disability (36.4%), and adults living outside of New York City (30.8%).

Additional New York State Data and Resources:

[Healthy Behaviors Among New York State Cancer Survivors](#)

[Most Cancer Survivors Return to Primary Care After Cancer Treatment](#)

[Prevention Agenda 2025-2030: New York State's Health Improvement Plan](#)

[New York State Health Equity Plan, Year 1 \(August 2024 – August 2025\)](#)

Lung Cancer Screening Resources



GO2 Foundation's [lung cancer screening educational video](#).



[Lung Cancer Screening - Talk to Your Doctor](#) one pager

CancerCare

[CANCERCARE® Skin Cancer and People of Color](#)

[Understanding Treatment-Related Skin Toxicity](#)

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining any of these incredible teams, please visit [the Consortium's Become a Member Page!](#)

The mission of the Consortium is to reduce the human and economic burden of cancer in NYS. Information in this email is provided as a resource to members of the New York State Cancer Consortium on topics related to the New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. The views, opinions, and content included in this e-mail are those of the authors or event hosts and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the New York State Department of Health or the New York State Cancer Consortium.

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