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CONSORTIUM NEWS/UPDATES

Quarterly Meeting Series: *The Consortium in Action*

Next up in the *Consortium in Action* Series:

- **New York State Cancer Consortium Environmental Carcinogen Action Team Quarterly Member Meeting Series**

Tuesday Mar 12, 2024

11:00AM - 12:30PM

[Register Here](#)

- **New York State Cancer Consortium HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Action Team Quarterly Member Meeting Series**

Thursday, June 20, 2024

11:00AM - 12:30PM

[Register Here](#)

[Click Here for Recordings of Recent Consortium Quarterly Member Meetings](#)

- **New York State Cancer Consortium Survivorship Action Team: NYS Cancer Survivorship: Improving Care, Bolstering our Workforce**



- **Lung Cancer Screening Action Team:** The Consortium in Action
- Taking a Jab at Cancer Prevention: Closing the **HPV** Vaccination Gap in New York State
- Addressing the Cancer Burden in **LGBTQ+ Communities:** A Training from the National LGBT Cancer Network

The Consortium recognizes the following opportunities for advocacy and recognition during February:

February: [World Cancer Day February 4](#), [National Women's Physicians Day](#), [Black History Month](#), [National Women and Girls in Science Day](#), [International Childhood Cancer Day](#), [National Caregivers Day February 16](#)

“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 NYS 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.”

Become a member today!

The more we work together, the greater impact we will have towards preventing and controlling cancer in New York State.

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Radon Month

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While January has passed, it's important to recognize that January was Radon Action Month! Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas found in soil and rock that can seep into buildings through cracks in the foundation, walls, and joints. Radon is the leading cause of [lung cancer deaths](#) among non-smokers in the U.S., claiming the lives of about 21,000 Americans each year.

Exposure to radon is preventable, and testing for radon levels inside the home can save lives. Radon test kits are available at www.health.ny.gov/radon. Another option is to hire a certified professional radon tester that can use a continuous radon monitor to test your home. A list of [Certified Radon Testers \(ny.gov\)](#) is on the New York State Department of Health website. Continuous radon monitors are



often used during real estate transactions because they are more tamper resistant than charcoal canisters.

Test your home today! For more information, please go to www.health.ny.gov/radon.

[Protect Your Family From Radon: A Guide for New York State Residents \(ny.gov\)](#)

Cervical Cancer Awareness

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Primary Care Intervention Aids Patient Follow-Up for Abnormal Cancer Screening

Maximizing the benefits of [screening for cancer](#) means to ensure everyone who needs to be screened is screened and those with abnormal results receive important follow up diagnostic testing. Nearly 12,000 patients who needed diagnostic follow-up across 44 primary care practices after receiving an overdue abnormal screening test result for breast, cervical, colon, or lung cancer were randomly assigned to receive either usual care or a mix of different reminder approaches. Patients in the intervention arms received screening reminders from the electronic health record, outreach via a letter and phone call, navigation or a mixture of these efforts. More patients completed follow up for an abnormal cancer screening test if they received one or more of the reminder approaches. Despite the success of the interventions there continues to be large gaps in care that need addressing before the full benefits of preventive cancer screening are realized.

[Click for an article describing the study](#) and [Click here for the study](#)

Both the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** and **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)** toolkits that include effective strategies to increase cervical cancer screening and follow-up.



➤ [Cervical Cancer Screening Change Package](#)

Cancer Screening Change Packages are used to support the delivery of cancer screening services for health care professionals in various clinical settings, including single and group practices, health maintenance organizations, Federally Qualified Health Centers, imaging and cancer center facilities, and public health departments.

➤ [Improving Cervical Cancer Prevention, Screening, and Management: A Toolkit to Build Provider Capacity](#)

This toolkit aims to help providers improve cervical cancer prevention, screening, and management through feasible, evidence-based strategies that are responsive to the unique challenges faced in safety-net settings. In this toolkit, “providers” refers to anyone involved in cervical cancer prevention, screening, and management, including physicians, nurses, medical assistants, administrative staff, community health workers, patient navigators, care coordinators, and others.

Ayudando a las Mujeres con Información, Guía y Amor para su Salud (AMIGAS), in English, **Helping Women with Information, Guidance, and Love for their Health**, is a bilingual educational outreach program. It is proven to be effective promoting cervical cancer screening among Hispanic women and Latinas ages 21 to 65. Latinas are less likely to be screened for cervical cancer than non-Hispanic White women in the United States. Latinas also have higher rates of developing and dying from cervical cancer compared to non-Hispanic White women.



[Ayudando a las Mujeres con Información, Guía y Amor para su Salud \(AMIGAS\) | Cervical Cancer | CDC](#)

National Cancer Prevention Month

Signing of New York State Legislation to Bolster Childhood Cancer Awareness and Research Funding



Legislation ([A1302/S1898](#)) to increase funding to the state's Cure Childhood Cancer research fund has been signed into law. The law will create a check-off box on state income tax forms through which taxpayers can contribute. Early diagnosis of cancer in children remains difficult and despite advancements in medicine, two out of three childhood cancer survivors will suffer long-term health effects from the treatments. Previously, New York State's Cure Childhood Cancer research fund was supported solely through the sale of Cure Childhood Cancer license plates.

[Press Release](#)

Cancer Mortality Is Still Declining, but Progress Is Threatened by Increasing Incidence as Projected New Cancer Cases Top Two Million for 2024

The American Cancer Society released its Cancer Statistics of 2024 annual report. Researchers compiled the most recent data on population-based cancer occurrence and outcomes using incidence data collected by central cancer registries (through 2020) and mortality data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics (through 2021).



A highlight from the national report:

“Cervical cancer incidence rates are decreasing steeply in women in their 20s, who were first to receive the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine but increased in women 30-44 years old by 1.7% per year from 2012 through 2019, highlighting the need for more emphasis on screening in young women, and broader vaccine uptake.”

[American Cancer Society Press Releases \(cancer.org\)](#)

[Full Report](#)

Cancer Disparities Experienced by People with Disabilities

People with disabilities, who represent a rapidly growing and seriously disadvantaged segment of the United States population, face barriers to equal and accessible healthcare and a high prevalence of chronic health conditions. Research studies document disparities in various types of cancer screening or surveillance for people with disabilities, including screening for breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer. This article highlights ways cancer is impacted by disability.

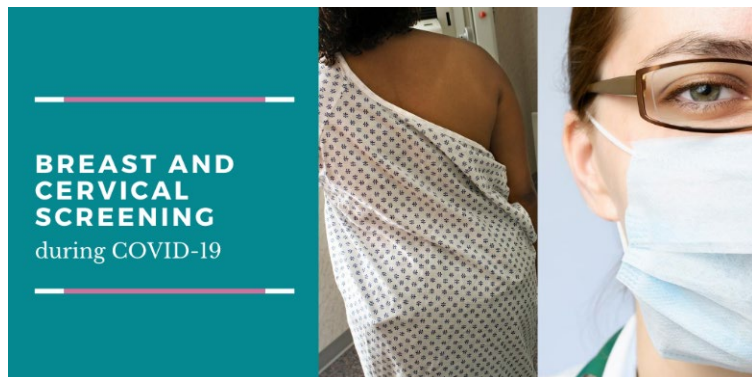
[Full article](#)



The Effect of Disability and Social Determinants of Health on Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Breast cancer is the most prevalent type of cancer among women; an estimated 287,850 cases and 43,250 deaths attributed to breast cancer occur annually. A secondary analysis of the 2018 and 2020 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data sets was conducted. The analysis included respondents assigned female at birth, aged 50 to 74 years (breast cancer screening) or aged 21 to 65 years (cervical cancer screening). Findings of highlight the effect of disability status and social determinants of health on breast and cervical cancer screening rates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

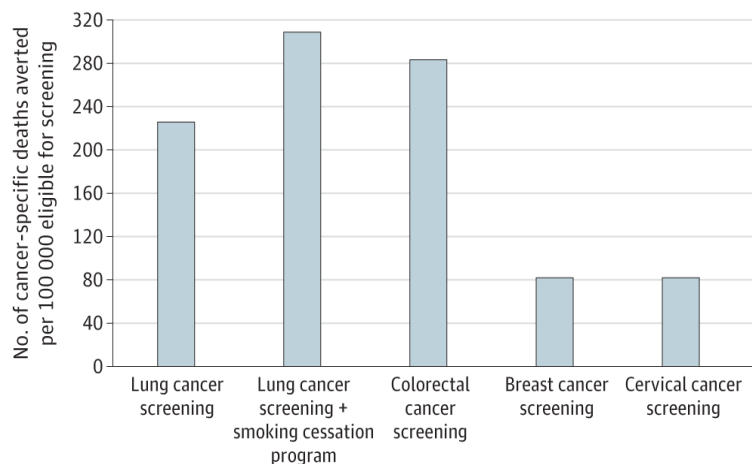
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Estimated US Cancer Deaths Prevented with Increased Use of Lung, Colorectal, Breast, and Cervical Cancer Screening

The proportions of eligible United States adults who have been screened consistently for lung, colorectal, breast, and cervical cancer, alongside recommended guidance, remain below national targets. This study used data from decision analyses performed by the Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET) to support the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) in the development of its most recent recommendations for cancer screening.

[Full Article](#)



New York State *Food Insecurity Report*

Food insecurity is a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. Adults experiencing food insecurity have a higher probability of several chronic diseases, including cancer. The New York State Department of Health released a report on food insecurity, [Self-Reported Food Insecurity Among New York State Adults by County, BRFSS 2021](#) which highlights self-reported food insecurity data among adults by county across the state. According to the report, **approximately one in four adults (24.9 percent) experience food insecurity**. However, **food insecurity rates vary by county** ranging from 11.2% in Wyoming to 39% in the Bronx. We welcome those interested in addressing this topic to [join the NYS Cancer Consortium Healthy Eating and Active Living \(HEAL\) Action Team](#).

New York State Expands Virtual WIC Assistant to Spanish

Spanish Speaking 'Wanda' Offers Greater Access to Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. The New York State Department of Health added Spanish as a language option for "Wanda," its virtual assistant that helps people learn about and connect with the New York State Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Wanda offers a quick and easy online chat where people can check their eligibility for the WIC Program and request a referral to the WIC office of their choice.

Learn more about the New York State WIC program [here](#) and chat with Wanda in English or Spanish by clicking on her picture in the lower right corner of the web page.

New York State *Prevalence of Binge and Heavy Drinking*

The New York State Department of Health released a new Information for Action report [Prevalence of Binge and Heavy Drinking among New York State Adults by County, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2021](#). According to the report, the prevalence of **binge drinking varied by county from 8.0% to 30.4%** and the prevalence of **heavy drinking varied by county from 2.0% to 20.9%**.

Excessive alcohol use is associated with unintentional injuries, violence as well as long-term health outcomes such as cancer and liver diseases. The public health impact of excessive alcohol use underscores the importance of strategies to prevent and reduce alcohol as outlined in the [New York State Prevention Agenda](#) and [New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan](#). Check out the maps in the full report to see where your county stands.

New York State *Smoking Rates: Disparities Among People Living with Disability*

The New York State Department of Health released a new StatShot [Smoking Rates: Disparities Among People Living with Disability](#) based on data from the 2021 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. According to the report, **17.4% of New York State adults living with disability smoked cigarettes compared to 10.1% of adults living without disability. Two out of every five adults who currently smoke in New York State are living with disability..**

New York State : Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Brief: Electronic Cigarette Use among NYS Adults, 2021

The New York State Department of Health released [BRFSS Brief: Electronic Cigarette Use among NYS Adults, 2021](#). Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are devices used to heat and aerosolize highly addictive nicotine or other substances that a person can inhale into their lungs. The use of an e-cigarette is usually called "vaping". The prevalence of e-cigarette use among adults in New York State in 2021 was 5.3%. E-cigarette use in New York State was lower than the national average of 6.6% in 2021. Statewide, e-cigarette use was highest among adults between the ages of 18-24 (15.1%); current smokers (14.1%); adults reporting frequent mental distress (11.4%); and adults who identify as LGBTQ (10.4%). E-cigarette use varied by region, with higher use rates in the Western and North Country regions of the state and lower use rates Downstate.

Regionalizing ovarian cancer cytoreduction to high-volume centers and the impact on patient travel in New York State

The New York State Bureau of Cancer Epidemiology Center for Community Health published an article on regionalization of Ovarian Cancer surgery and the impacts on travel burden within the state.

[Full study](#)

Funding Opportunities

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New York Health Equity Reform: Social Care Networks (SCN) Request for Applications (RFA), allocating \$500 Million for Social Care Networks (SCN) infrastructure funding, posted on January 16, 2024 in the New York State Grants Gateway Portal. This request for application (RFA) aims to strengthen the network of social care providers responsible for delivering high-quality, evidence-based, and accessible social care services and build a more resilient, flexible, and accessible social care delivery system that reduces health disparities and advances health equity, as outlined in the State's 1115 Waiver Demonstration Amendment. Interested applicants can find the full request for application (RFA) posted at the following link: [IntelliGrants - Grant Opportunity Portal \(ny.gov\)](#)

Addressing Barriers to Care Grant Pilot Eligibility

The conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age – or Social Drivers of Health– have a profound effect on the chances of detecting and surviving cancer. The American Cancer Society is launching the *Addressing Barriers to Care* grant program. These grants will support community-based organizations and their partners to deliver non-medical programs and services that address health-related social needs of cancer patients and their caregivers.

[Learn more and Apply](#)

[Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health \(National Partners CoAg\)](#)

This national funding opportunity will support organizations that work with governmental public health and other sectors, over five years, to provide capacity-building assistance within the public health system.

Additional information is available at [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov) and [CDC.gov](https://www.CDC.gov).

Applications are due April 1, 2024.

Meetings and Trainings

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Health and Racial Equity Convergence: Addressing the Social Determinants of Health

Wednesday February 21 4:00 p.m. ET at Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Auditorium, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY. Registration is required. Please register [here](#) by **February 16th**.

The event will focus on how addressing social needs, such as access to healthy food and green space, can improve chronic disease outcomes and address racial patterns of health and social inequalities and will begin with a welcome from **Tony Davis**, Director of Community Outreach and remarks from **Dr. Michelle Morse**, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Commissioner of the Center for Health Equity and Community Wellness within the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. **Dr. Ese Oghenejobo**, Director of Healthcare Payment and Financing Initiatives and Acting Executive Director of the Office of Healthcare System Strategy and Accountability, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, will then moderate an interactive panel and live audience Q&A.

International Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Awareness Day 2024 Virtual Seminar Series

To celebrate the upcoming seventh annual International Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Awareness Day on **March 4, 2024**, the St. Jude **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Cancer Prevention Program** is excited to present a series of five virtual seminars featuring experts across the entire landscape of **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) cancer prevention efforts**.

Seminars will be held from 12 to 1:15 p.m. Central Time (1 to 2:15 p.m. Eastern Time).

To register for one seminar or the entire series, click [here](#).

Memorial Sloan Kettering's (MSKCC) Center for Young Onset Colorectal and Gastrointestinal Cancers 1st Annual Symposium | Tues, March 12th @ 5:30-8:30PM ET

Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) experts will discuss the latest updates in young onset Colorectal Cancer (CRC) and Gastrointestinal Cancer (GI) cancer research and topics related to coping with and managing treatment. This will be followed by a patient panel in which young onset Gastrointestinal Cancer (GI) cancer survivors will share their experiences with diagnosis and treatment. For more information [visit MSKCC's website](#) or email mendelsr@mskcc.org.

Prevent Cancer 2024 Advocacy Workshop

Virtual, Wednesday, March 6

The Prevent Cancer Foundation's annual [Advocacy Workshop](#) will address the state of patient navigation in cancer care. Speakers will discuss screening and prevention as it applies to patient navigation programs and policy (including the 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule codes), and its impact on reducing cancer disparities. [Register](#) for free today! Registration is available to advocacy organizations, community groups and advocates.

New York State HPV Coalition's Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Summit **Thursday, April 4th, from 9am-12:45pm**

The topics covered will include **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) prevalence and impact in New York State (NYS), evidence-based interventions** to promote change in health systems, **partnering with community-based organizations (CBO)s** to promote HPV vaccines in communities, and a **policy forum**. Join the NYS HPV Coalition for a great learning opportunity. Registration and promotion will be starting **mid-February**.

The Association of Black Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists (ABGH) is hosting its second annual **Continuing Medical Education (CME) medical symposium on May 17, 2024, in Washington, DC**. Save the date and find upcoming registration information on the [Association of Black Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists \(ABGH\) website](#).

Save the date for the third annual **Western Colorectal Cancer Consortium Conference on September 26-27, 2024**, in Davis, CA. [Visit the website for more information](#).

[Patient Navigator Training & Credentialing | American Cancer Society](#). Recent updates to the 2024 Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Physician Fee Schedule offer professional non-clinical navigators a sustainable way to get reimbursed for the critical services they provide. Navigation improves outcomes at the patient, caregiver, and health system level and is an evidence-based intervention that can significantly reduce barriers. Navigation supports cancer patients and their families to manage a cancer diagnosis, particularly among historically marginalized communities. The American Cancer Society (ACS) program goal is to ensure the nation's professional navigators receive high-quality training that supports advancement and sustainability of the profession, resulting in comprehensive care for people with cancer and their families.

The Implementation Studio – A Workshop for Community Organizations to Learn How to Improve Their Program for the Community

Early 2024

Virtual and/or in-person formats to be determined based on interest.

[Register Here](#)

The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in collaboration with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Sexual Health and Cancer Survivorship Course

Learning Objectives

- Describe how different cancer treatments can affect sexual health
- Identify tools for sexual health evaluation in cancer patients
- Describe strategies to mitigate cancer treatment-related sexual health issues

Self-paced course

[Register here](#)

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2/12 – [Understanding the Important Role that Biomarker Testing Plays in Informing the Treatment of Cancer, Part I of The Important Role of Biomarker Testing in the Treatment of Cancer: What You Need to Know Makes All the Difference in the World](#)

(teleconference/webcast)

2/16 – [Chemotherapy: Novel Approaches to Prevent and Manage Gastrointestinal Treatment Side Effects](#) (teleconference/webcast)

2/21 – [Progress in the Treatment of Myeloproliferative Neoplasms \(MPNs\), Part I of Living with Myeloproliferative Neoplasms \(MPNs\)](#) (teleconference/webcast)

2/22 – [Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma \(DLBCL\): Treatment Updates](#) (teleconference/webcast)

2/27 – [Advances in the Treatment of Colorectal Cancer](#) (teleconference/webcast)

2/28 – [Managing Treatment Side Effects, Aches and Pain from Myeloproliferative Neoplasms \(MPNs\), Part II of Living with Myeloproliferative Neoplasms \(MPNs\)](#) (teleconference/webcast)

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