The New York State Cancer Consortium is a voluntary network of individuals and organizations that collaborate to address New York State’s cancer burden. The Consortium and its members are guided by the New York State (NYS) Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, a five-year plan that sets priorities and strategies for preventing cancers and detecting cancers early.

Consortium by the Numbers

**Membership**

- **21** Steering Committee Members
- **169** General Consortium Members

**Region**

- New York City: 29%
- Capital Region: 17%
- Western NY: 16%
- Long Island: 14%
- Hudson Valley: 11%
- North Country: 8%
- Central NY: 8%

**Organization**

- 33% Community-Based Organization/Non-Profit
- 18% Cancer Center
- 17% Local/State Health Dept.
- 15% Healthcare
- 6% Higher Ed.
- 5% Other
- 5% Consultant/Individual Member
- 1% Health Plan

**Thank You to Our Steering Committee Members:**

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Action Teams are groups of NYS Cancer Consortium members who work together to implement NYS Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan priority areas. There are three action teams that address 1) reducing exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, 2) increasing the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rate, and 3) increasing colorectal cancer (CRC) screening.

**Skin Cancer Action Team**

The Skin Cancer Action Team works to decrease skin cancer and melanoma in NYS by educating the public and decision-makers about the dangers of indoor tanning and promoting sun safety interventions.

- Held webinar “Take a Stand Against the Tan!” reaching 40 participants
- Held webinar “Playing Safely in the Sun” reaching 38 participants
- Promoting IMPACT Melanoma’s “The Skinny on Skin” hairdresser melanoma screening program
- Promoting Sunbeatables sun safety curriculum in youth community settings
- Expanding the adoption of skin cancer prevention questions in hospital Electronic Medical Record systems

**HPV Coalition**

The NYS HPV Coalition works to increase HPV vaccination rates and decrease HPV-related disease in NYS through education, coordination, advocacy, and leadership.

- Released the "NYS HPV Vaccination Guide for School-Based Health Centers"
- Secured funding to implement quality improvement education program to improve clinic HPV vaccination rates
- Held webinar “Increasing HPV Vaccination and Reducing Missed Opportunities in Clinical Settings” reaching 200 participants
- Partnering with Federally Qualified Health Center dental clinics to implement policies and practices to screen, educate and refer all age-eligible patients for HPV vaccinations
- Implementing a six-month HPV learning collaborative *Increasing HPV Vaccination at School-Based Health Centers in New York*

**Colorectal Cancer Action Team**

The Colorectal Cancer Action Team works collaboratively to support local and state efforts to increase colorectal cancer screening rates to the national goal of 80% of adults aged 50 to 75 years screened.

- Released the 2019 progress report “Colorectal Cancer Screening in NYS: Progress towards 80% by 2018 and a Call to Action for 80% in Every Community”
- Held webinar “What Do the Data Tell Us?” reaching 165 participants
- Held webinar “The Best Test is the One that Gets Done” reaching 170 participants
- Developing a training on motivational interviewing to increase CRC screening
- Developing educational webinars on timely topics such as early onset CRC