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CONSORTIUM NEWS:

Lung Cancer Awareness



November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, a time to focus on the importance of early detection and education. Know someone who currently smokes or used to smoke? Help them take charge of their health and find out if they should be screened for lung cancer. Use the [Lung Cancer Screening Locator Tool website](#) to access valuable information about screening services in your area. The Consortium's Lung Cancer Screening Action Team developed this resource since early detection through screening can be lifesaving, enabling treatment when it's most effective and giving people the best chance to spend more time with loved ones. Use this tool to locate the nearest screening center and find information on eligibility, recommended screening frequency, and any referral or insurance requirements.

HPV Coalition



The New York State HPV Coalition received the 'Start at 9' Award from the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable on October 29th for their innovative work on [promoting starting HPV vaccination at age 9](#) to improve vaccination completion rates.

Social Media



The New York State Cancer Consortium is now active on social media! Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) @nyscancerconsortium to receive and share the latest updates and information.

Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change (PSE)



The Consortium invites you to a learning series focused on improving community health and reducing the risk of cancer through policy, systems and environmental (PSE) change. Participants will learn what PSE change is; why it is needed; how it is used to increase cancer screening rates and reduce the risk of skin cancer; and how participants can apply PSE changes to their own work.

Visit [Improving the Health of Communities through Policy, Systems and Environmental \(PSE\) Change | New York State Cancer Consortium](#) for more information.

NEW Quarterly Member Meeting Series: Health Equity and Cancer



Many factors, including our environments and lifestyles, play a significant role in cancer diagnoses and outcomes. This new meeting series, beginning January 16, 2025, will describe and identify the state of cancer in New York and how individual and community-level circumstances contribute to known inequities. As New Yorkers and Consortium members, we share a commitment to understand health equity in cancer and look at the various causes and influences related to addressing cancer inequities in our communities.

Visit [Events | New York State Cancer Consortium](#) regularly for the latest updates!

Meetings and Trainings



Exciting news! Cancer-related education, meetings and trainings of interest will now be listed under the Events tab on the Consortium [website](#). Consortium member organizations can submit meetings for inclusion on the page.

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN NEW YORK STATE?

New York State Cancer Registry Dashboards and Honors



Please visit [New York State Cancer Registry \(NYCR\) and Cancer Statistics](#) page to view a series of Cancer Statistics Dashboards that provide easy access to a wide range of data, including cancer incidence, mortality, trends, stage at diagnosis and prevalence. You can also find the updated New York [New York State Cancer Registry Data Release and Policy Manual](#).

In addition, the NYCR received two commendations: achieving the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Gold Certification, recognizing commitment to maintaining high standards of data accuracy and timelines, and being honored with First Place in the 2024 National Cancer Institute's Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program Data Quality Profile, underscoring excellence in data quality metrics.

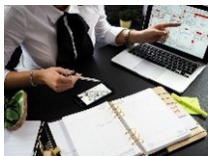
Report: Breast Cancer Screening, New York State Females, 2022



Now available! A new report based on data from the [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System \(BRFSS\)](#) finds that an estimated 79.4% of females 50-74 years of age were up to date with breast cancer screening recommendations, but disparities were observed among individuals identifying as part of the LGBTQ+ community, those without health insurance, and those lacking a regular healthcare provider.

Screening was less likely to be reported among those who currently smoke cigarettes and those who did not report any physical activity in the past 30 days. Among those not up to date with recommendations, 95.8% were insured, and 87.5% had a regular healthcare provider.

Report: Healthy Behaviors among New York State Cancer Survivors



Interested in the health of cancer survivors in NYS? The New York State Department of Health released a new report [Healthy Behaviors among New York State Cancer Survivors](#).

Cancer survivors are at a greater risk of developing cancer than people who have never had cancer. Guidelines for cancer survivors recommend avoiding smoking, limiting alcohol consumption, increasing physical activity, and maintaining a healthy body weight. According to this report, among New York State cancer survivors:

- 90.3% report not drinking excessively,
- 88.8% report not currently smoking,
- 74.1% report eating fruits or vegetables daily,
- 67.7% report engaging in physical activity,
- 50.2% report not currently drinking, and
- 34.5% report maintaining a healthy weight.

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

November: [National Healthy Skin Month](#), [Bladder Health Month](#), [National Hospice and Palliative Care Month](#), [National Stomach Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Native American Heritage Month](#), [Transgender Day of Remembrance 11/20](#), [The Great American Smoke Out](#)

December: [National Influenza Vaccination Week](#), [International Day of People with Disabilities 12/3](#), [Universal Human Rights Day 12/10](#)

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.