



NYSCC Newsletter



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We appreciate your feedback on the Consortium's e-blast newsletters. Please take a moment and click the link below to share your thoughts, which will help us enhance the content, design, and overall effectiveness of our e-blasts. Thank you!
[E-blast Newsletter Feedback Survey](#)

Please share your cancer prevention, control and survivorship activities, successes, reports, and/or trainings for inclusion in future communications by emailing cancerconsortium@health.ny.gov.

It is with an extremely heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of a dear colleague. Trevor Summerfield, an integral part of the Consortium's work, specifically in Lung Cancer Screening, and the work of the American Lung Association passed away last week.

Trevor was a dear friend to many and a dedicated advocate. His obituary has been released here: [Trevor Summerfield Obituary | Betz, Rossi, Bellinger & Stewart Family Funeral Home - Canajoharie \(afterall.com\)](#).

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the American Lung Association, the organization Trevor worked for and was so dedicated to. You can follow the instructions in the obituary to make a donation (here: [Donate - American Lung Association](#)).

CONSORTIUM NEWS/UPDATES



Consortium Educational Sessions:

The next Quarterly Member Meeting series will begin in December.

- ["Nobody Told Me I Needed To Be Screened"](#) a presentation by the **Colorectal Cancer Action Team**
- [Survivorship Action Team ECHO Series](#)
- [Enhancing Wellness through Nutrition, Activity, and Policy for Cancer Patients and Survivors](#), presented by the **Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL)** Action Team
- [Environmental Carcinogens Action Team: The Consortium in Action](#)
- [New York State Cancer Consortium Survivorship Action Team: NYS Cancer Survivorship: Improving Care, Bolstering our Workforce Series](#)
- [Lung Cancer Screening Action Team: The Consortium in Action](#)
- [Taking a Jab at Cancer Prevention: Closing the HPV Vaccination Gap](#)
- [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 September and October:

- **September:** [Childhood Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Prostate Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Blood Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Healthy Aging Month](#), [Latinx Heritage Month](#), [National Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15 - 10/15](#)
- **October:** [Liver Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day 10/13](#), [Health Literacy Month](#), [World Mental Health Day 10/10](#), [National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#), [Spirit Day 10/17](#), [National Mammography Day 10/18](#)

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.

Become a member today!

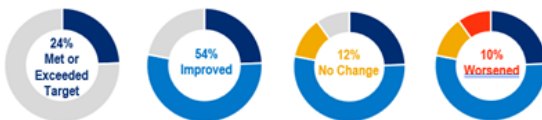
The more we work together, the greater impact we will have towards preventing and controlling cancer in New York State.

[Register here to join!](#)

Cancer Plan

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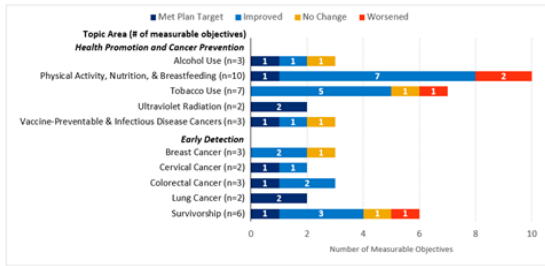
Final Progress Status of Plan Measurable Objectives: Progress from Plan Baseline to Final



Over the past five years, the **New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Program**, **Cancer Consortium**, and partners statewide have made remarkable strides toward achieving 2018 - 2023 Cancer Plan targets. The sixth, and final, data update to the Plan measurable objectives shows that nearly 80% of objectives moved in the right direction, with a quarter (24%) meeting or surpassing their targets and more than half (54%) showing improvement from the baseline. Additionally, while 12% of objectives remained steady, only 10% saw a decline from baseline. These achievements highlight the dedication and collective efforts of the NYS Cancer Consortium and its many partners around the state!

All objectives related to Ultraviolet Radiation reduction and Lung Cancer have met their targets. Physical Activity, Nutrition & Breastfeeding, Tobacco Use, and Survivorship each had at least one objective that worsened from baseline. The remaining topic areas displayed a mix of results, with some objectives meeting targets, others showing improvement, and some remaining unchanged compared to the Plan baseline.

Final Progress Status of Plan Dashboard Objectives: Progress from Plan Baseline to Final, by Topic



These insights highlight both the successes and the areas where we need to focus our efforts moving forward. A comprehensive report that provides the final progress status Cancer Plan 2018-2023 measurable objectives will be shared soon.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Breast cancer is the most common and second most deadly form of cancer in females in New York State, with nearly 17,000 new cases and approximately 2,500 deaths each year. While males can also suffer from breast cancer, it is much rarer, with about 160 males are diagnosed with breast cancer in New York State each year.

While breast cancer can affect anyone, it does not affect everyone equally. According to [data on cancer incidence and mortality in New York](#), non-Hispanic Black individuals experience higher incidence rates of regional and distant stage disease for female breast cancer, cervical cancer, and colorectal cancer in New York State. Non-Hispanic white females have the highest incidence rates of breast cancer while non-Hispanic Black females have the highest mortality rates.



Persistent Neighborhood Poverty and Breast Cancer Outcomes

The social and built environments in which people live have known implications for health outcomes. Persistent poverty refers to geographic areas with poverty rates greater than or equal to 20% over the last 30 years. Findings from [a cohort study](#) published in JAMA analyzing 312,145 patients in the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program suggests that residing in persistently impoverished neighborhoods is associated with poor tumor characteristics and increased mortality. While the reasons for this require additional research, the study underpins the need for the Consortium to commit to improving equity in cancer prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship for New Yorkers.

[Read the full study here.](#)



Breast Cancer Screening Rates in NYS

According to this [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System \(BRFSS\) report](#), disparities in reported breast cancer screening were seen among those with the lowest household income, without health insurance, without a regular health care provider, and among those with a disability. This report also shows that New York's breast cancer screening rate fell to 78.2% in 2021, declining from prior years and falling below the Healthy People 2030 objective of 80.5% for the first time since 2016. Implementing and promoting strategies to address these disparities and improve access to screening is key work of the Consortium.



Working to Increase Rates in Clinical Practice

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Breast Cancer Screening Change Package](#) is a list of evidence-based and practice-based changes and associated tools and resources to improve breast cancer screening. Many of the change concepts includes [relate to the social determinants of health](#) and can inform organizational efforts to increase breast cancer screening.



Breastfeeding lowers risk of some cancers

In addition to lowering a mother's risk for type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure, breastfeeding can also lower a mother's risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

Updated NYS Medicaid Coverage for Lactation Counseling Services and Breast Pumps Webpages are Live! - In August, the NYS Department of Health released updated, easy-to-understand information about Medicaid-covered [lactation counseling services](#) and [breast pumps](#). More information is available at [Health Insurance Coverage of Lactation Support and Breast Pumps website](#).

Supporting and Promoting Breastfeeding, Chestfeeding and Lactation in Health Care Settings

This webinar series on supporting breastfeeding/chestfeeding in specific healthcare settings is designed to: increase the knowledge and skills of perinatal care providers to support inclusive human milk feeding policy and practice, including the Ten Steps for Successful Breastfeeding in Hospitals and Birthing Centers. [Click Here to View Webinars](#)



Seeking women ages 39-49 in Rensselaer County for Study Participation

Dartmouth Cancer Center is testing a breast cancer screening support tool in communities with environmental exposures such as PFAS. This 30-minute, online study involves viewing a tool that helps women make choices about breast cancer screening and completing 2 surveys. Participants will be eligible to enter a raffle for one of five \$200 gift cards. Participants must be a woman aged 39-49 living in Rensselaer County and who have not had breast cancer. Those interested can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/dccpfas>.

Palliative Care Day 10/14

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Addressing Public Misperceptions About Palliative Care

This recorded webinar from the National Academies discusses public perceptions of palliative care and evidence that shows that earlier access to palliative care improves patient and family outcomes. Research reveals that once palliative care is introduced in a way that matches people's aspirations and needs, they are more likely to choose palliative care.

[Click Here to View Webinar](#)



Improving Palliative Care Access for Patients With Cancer

This editorial provides an overview of strategies to "make palliative care happen," summarizing two studies that contribute to this body of knowledge and providing suggestions for institutional and regulatory changes needed to increase support for palliative care programs.

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Prostate Cancer Awareness

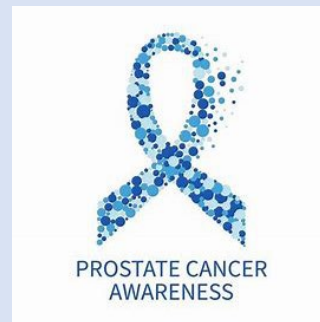
Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign

Prostate cancer is the most diagnosed invasive cancer among patients assigned male at birth. In New York State, prostate cancer is the second most common cancer found in males (after skin cancer) with almost 15,500 New Yorkers diagnosed with prostate cancer each year, and 1,700 dying from it.

It's important to remember that anyone with a prostate can get prostate cancer, and this may include transgender women and gender nonbinary individuals. Prostate cancer occurs mainly in older males, with about two-thirds of cases diagnosed in males ages 65 and older. However, non-Hispanic Black males have the highest rate of prostate cancer and are more likely to die from the disease than any other racial or ethnic group. Males with close relatives (parent, sibling, child) who have had prostate cancer (especially at a young age) are also more likely to get prostate cancer.

Treatment options for prostate cancer include surgery, radiation, and active surveillance, where the prostate cancer is monitored until there is evidence of cancer progression, at which time treatment may be considered with surgery or radiation.

[Prostate Cancer Toolkit](#)



Public Health Successes and Opportunities

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Shining a Light on Sun Safety: Debunking TikTok's Anti-Sunscreen Claims

The [Skin Cancer Action Team](#) has been working on resources to dispel some sunscreen myths circulating on social media. The team recently released an article and accompanying video addressing sunscreen myths and sun safety that was posted by the Columbia University Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center (see [here](#)).



Expanded Eligibility Under Federal State Innovation Waiver

New York State received a final commitment of \$10 billion from the federal government to provide high-quality, affordable health insurance to approximately 1.5 million New Yorkers, marking the largest State Innovation Waiver award to date. New enrollees in New York's Essential Plan are estimated to save over \$6,100 each year compared to what they would have paid for commercial coverage.

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) Senior Government Relations Director and Consortium Steering Committee member Michael Davoli said, "We can never and will never go back to the day when cancer patients couldn't get health insurance coverage because they couldn't afford it or are denied coverage just because they survived cancer. The additional money that New York received due to the Section 1332 State Innovation waiver will help ensure that millions of New Yorkers battling cancer can access the care they need."

This waiver also seeks to address social determinants of health for Essential Plan enrollees. Waiver funding will support grants that address food insecurity, including through food pharmacies and medically tailored meals, and will support enrollees with persistent asthma by providing them with air conditioners to protect their health and reduce the number of Emergency Department visits. This waiver will also support grants to insurers to increase access to behavioral health providers and services, including mobile crisis units, crisis diversion centers, and crisis respite centers.

For more information: [NY State of Health 1332 Waiver Information Page](#) | [NY State of Health](#)

New York State Awarded Funds to Address Air Quality in Schools

The New York State Department of Health and Health Research, Inc. have been awarded \$5 million in grant funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to address indoor air quality and greenhouse gas reduction in schools.

Funds will be used by the Department to expand the [New York State School Environmental Health Program](#) (a voluntary, non-regulatory program) to help school facility managers take low or no-cost action to create healthier learning and working environments by improving indoor air quality, addressing chemical and cleaning management, reducing mold and moisture, and taking appropriate steps on climate action.



Resources and Publications

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In a video released last Friday, **New York State Governor Hochul** shared her recent diagnosis of basal cell carcinoma and emphasized the importance of early detection of cancer. Links to the video on different platforms are pasted below. Please take a moment to watch the video and help raise awareness about getting screened for cancer.

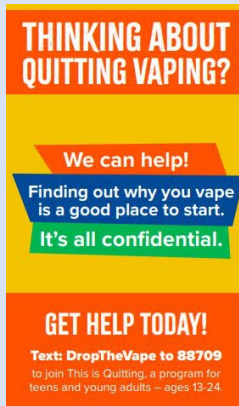
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Call for Review and Comment on Draft Guidance on Reporting Gender, Sex, Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, and Age in Medical and Scientific Publication

The Journal of the American Medical Association is seeking public review and comment on "Draft Guidance on Reporting Gender, Sex, Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, and Age in Medical and Scientific Publication." The committee welcomes comments that will improve the goal of this guidance to encourage clarity, inclusiveness, respect, and fairness in use and reporting of gender, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, and age in the medical and science literature.

Click here for the [Draft Guidance](#)

Click here for an [Editorial on the guidance document](#)



DROP THE VAPE

DROP THE VAPE is New York State's opt-in phrase for "This is Quitting", a free, text-based vape cessation service designed by the Truth Initiative specifically for young people aged 13-24. Middle schoolers, high schoolers, and young adults in New York State can join by texting DROP THE VAPE to 88709.

In 2023, e-cigarettes were the most commonly used tobacco products among middle and high school students in the United States. [No tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, are safe, especially for teens and young adults.](#) Across New York State, nearly 19% of high school students in NYS report vaping (using e-cigarettes).

Promotional materials for DROP THE VAPE were developed in partnership with the New York State Education Department for use by schools, health care providers, community organizations and more. Materials include posters, palm cards, and rack cards for middle schools and high schools/young adults. The materials are available [here](#) to view and easily print on a local printer or at a local vendor. Materials can also be [ordered for free](#) from the New York State Department of Health distribution center. Materials are available in Spanish. The posters promote the DROP THE VAPE service, and the cards promote the DROP THE VAPE service, as well as the services of the New York State Quitline (www.nysmokefree.com).

Funding Opportunities

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[Fight Colorectal Cancer's 2025-2026 Catalyst Program grant applications](#), the Catalyst Program provides funding and technical assistance to coalitions working to advance state-level policy to increase access to colorectal cancer screening. Grant recipients receive access to a nationally recognized facilitator to develop a comprehensive action plan, resources for adaptation including action alerts, communications and social media support, and a network of state and national subject matter experts to support policy change.

[Click to Apply](#)

Submit accompanying materials no later than 11:59 PM CST September 20th and contact advocacy@fighccr.org with any questions.

Addressing Barriers to Healthcare Transitions for Survivors of Childhood and Adolescent Cancers (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#)) National Cancer Institute ([NCI](#))

Through request for applications, 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 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

[Click to Apply](#) – Submission Deadline: October 11th

Increasing Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening in Federally Qualified Health Centers

Health Research, Inc. (HRI) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are seeking bids from New York State Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) to participate in a project to increase breast and cervical cancer screening rates in FQHC primary care practice sites. While contracts will be awarded to the FQHC, bids must be submitted for a specific clinic site at which activities will be implemented.

The project intent is to develop and implement a quality improvement plan that includes at least two of the priority evidence-based interventions in [The Community Guide](#) and other systems changes in each clinic site to make sustainable, lasting improvements in primary care clinic breast and cervical cancer screening rates. Bids will be accepted through an easy-to-use online system called "Apply". Submit a bid by completing the application linked below by **October 25, 2024**, to demonstrate clinic eligibility and capacity to allocate staff time and effort to participate in all project activities.

Bid Link: [Increasing Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening in Federally Qualified Health Centers 2025-2027 - NYS DOH Bureau of Cancer Prevention and Control \(smapply.io\)](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity

This funding is geared toward studies about "upstream" causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms, and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities, which in turn influence individuals' options and behaviors.

[Click to Apply](#) (Open Until Filled) - Submission Deadline: November 1st 3:00 PM

Meetings & Trainings of Interest

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FORCE and the National Pan-Hellenic Council Present a Webinar: What Your Grandparents Didn't Know about Cancer Could Save Your Life!

September 18th, 9 PM

Do you know your family health history? Does your family talk about cancer or avoid the topic? Let's break the cycle of silence! Join FORCE and a genetics expert to learn about cancer genetics and how this information could protect you and your family.

[Register Here](#)

Economic Systems as a Structural Driver of Population Health—Partnerships

Sep 18th, 2024, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

This workshop will build on the earlier conversations about the power of narratives and explore the impact of partnerships, action, and movements help needed to build a more equitable economy, a well-being economy. Presentations and discussions will explore three concepts related to different ways of partnering and finding common ground: solidarity, shared value, and movement building.

[Register Here](#)

C5 Webinar—Colorectal Cancer Screening 101

September 27th, 12 PM to 1 PM

'Everything you need to know about colorectal cancer screening for healthcare professionals', hosted by the C5 Risk Assessment and Screening Committee with special guest speaker: Dr. Steven Itzkowitz

[Register Here](#)

Breastfeeding Grand Rounds

October 8th, 10 AM to 12 PM

Breastfeeding Grand Rounds (BFGR) webcasts feature clinical experts paired with public health experts to provide education on current breastfeeding health issues with both clinical and public health significance.

[For More Information](#)

OCS Director's Series - Advancing Research through Cancer Survivorship Clinical Programs

October 15th, 2 PM to 3 PM

[Register Here](#)

Celebration of Survivorship

Adelphi University

October 17th, 4 - 6 PM

Annual Gala with an inspirational panel of speakers

During the event, a diverse panel of speakers will share their breast cancer journey and provide inspiration and empowerment.

[Register Here](#)

Get Your REAR IN GEAR! - Colon Cancer Coalition

October 20th, 7:30 AM

Parkside Avenue & Parade Place, Brooklyn

5K Run/Walk presented by the Colon Cancer Coalition

[For More Information and to Register](#)

Opportunities and Challenges for the Development and Adoption of Multicancer Detection Tests: A Workshop

October 28th, 8:30 AM to 5 PM

October 29th, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The National Academies National Cancer Policy Forum will host a hybrid public workshop to examine the state of the science for multicancer detection (MCD) testing and the challenges associated with clinical implementation of the tests.

[For More Information](#)

[Register Here](#)

C5 SUMMIT—2024—HOLD THE DATE!

Our first post-pandemic-in-person event!

Aiming for **Monday NOVEMBER 4**—half-day event

More details to come! Please HOLD THE DATE!

Please let me know if you have a conference center to donate!

Looking forward to seeing you all in person!

Free Upcoming CancerCare Connect® Education Workshops

CancerCare offers free workshops on a variety of cancer-related topics. Workshops take place over the telephone or as a webcast online. For details and to register for a workshop, call 1-800-813-HOPE, or visit the CancerCare website at www.cancercares.org/connect.

9/18 – [Triple Negative Breast Cancer: Coping with the Fear of Recurrence \(cancercares.org\)](#)

9/23 – [Caregiving for Your Loved One with Cancer \(cancercares.org\)](#)

9/24 – [Highlights from the 2024 American Society of Clinical Oncology \(ASCO\) Annual Meeting: The Art and Science of Cancer Care from Comfort to Cure](#)

10/16 – [Triple Negative Breast Cancer and African American Women \(cancercares.org\)](#)

10/23 – [Metastatic Triple Negative Breast Cancer: Strategies to Cope \(cancercares.org\)](#)

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