

New York State



Cancer Consortium



NYSCC NEWSLETTER

The NYS Cancer Consortium is committed to its mission to reduce the human and economic burden of cancer in New York State. It is also committed to its vision that all people concerned about cancer will work collaboratively to implement the Cancer Plan while respecting the diversity within New York. As New Yorkers, let's continue to support each other during the current ongoing challenges. You can stay up to date with federal changes that may impact cancer control by 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.

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

The Consortium recognizes the following opportunities for advocacy and recognition during September and October. Please see the individually linked toolkits for information about how to raise awareness.

September: [Prostate Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Healthy Aging Month](#), [World Cancer Research Day 9/24](#)

October: [National Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Liver Cancer Awareness Month](#), National Health Education Week 10/13 – 10/19, [Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day 10/13](#), [National Mammography Day 10/18](#), [Palliative Care Day 10/14](#), [Healthy Lung Month](#), [Health Literacy Month](#), [World Mental Health Day 10/10](#)

RECOGNIZING AWARENESS MONTHS:

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month: from Consortium member, Steven Marder, SuperBran's dad



Childhood cancer is the leading cause of disease-related death for children in the U.S. Each year, nearly 10,000 children are diagnosed nationwide, and over 950 in New York State. While the number of cases is smaller than adult cancers, the impact is profound and outsized: because children are so young, each diagnosis can mean the loss of decades of life that would otherwise be lived. For my family, this is deeply personal. Our son **Brandon's heroic journey with pediatric brain cancer** has shown us the incredible resilience of children and the urgent need for more progress, including more effective, less harsh treatments. Brandon's experience underscores why raising awareness and investing in research matters so greatly.

The upcoming NYS Cancer Consortium's New York State Cancer Plan will, for the first time, recognize children and their families and include recommendations to address comprehensive coverage of pediatrics. This **September, join us honoring children, supporting families, and advocating for better outcomes** across our great state of New York. Through **awareness, advocacy, and shared hope**, we can continue to improve outcomes and ensure every child receives the care they deserve.

CONSORTIUM NEWS:

Website Membership – PLEASE UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ONLINE



We would like to thank you for being a longstanding member of the Consortium. The Consortium has fully transitioned to an online member database. To ensure you receive all Consortium communications, we ask that you update your membership by joining the New York State Cancer Consortium via its [website](#).

Please go to the [membership login page](#) to update your membership today!

Health Equity and Cancer Series



The next session in the Consortium's [Health Equity and Cancer Series](#), *Supporting Caregivers*, will be held **on September 16th, 2025, at 11 AM**. This session marks the beginning of a 3-part mini-series, which will also feature Session 2: Survivorship and Session 3: Palliative Care.

Programs that offer resources and services that provide emotional, educational, and practical assistance for cancer patients, survivors, and their caregivers are critical to improving quality of life throughout cancer care. In this 3-part mini-series, our goal is to equip Consortium members and other organizations with the knowledge, tools, and insights necessary to provide better support to these groups.

After Session 1, participants will understand the programs in place to support caregivers throughout the cancer journey and beyond.

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

Social Media – Let's Engage and Educate the Public about Cancer Prevention and Control



Stay connected with the New York State Cancer Consortium! Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) at [@nyscancerconsortium](#) for updates on cancer awareness month activities, Action Team projects, and other key initiatives. Join us in spreading the word and supporting efforts to reduce the burden of cancer across New York State. The Consortium welcomes opportunities to amplify and share information about other cancer prevention and control initiatives that align with our mission, helping to create a stronger, united effort in the fight against cancer.

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](#).

WHATS GOING IN NEW YORK STATE

SHOUT OUT to the Cancer Services Program of the Finger Lakes Region

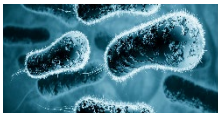


Congratulations to the Cancer Services Program of the Finger Lakes Region for recently receiving a \$3,000 funding gift from [Strollin' for the Colon](#), a nonprofit that raises funds and awareness for colon cancer screening and prevention!! The funds will be used to purchase incentives for clients who complete FIT Kits.

Check out the Spectrum Local News article about the gift here: <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/news/2025/07/29/strolling-for-the-colon-cancer-prevention>

DATA REPORTS AND OTHER RESOURCES

Vibriosis Infection and Your Risk



Vibriosis is a bacterial infection caused by *Vibrio* bacteria. Individuals may get vibriosis from eating raw or undercooked shellfish (especially oysters) or by exposing a wound to brackish water (a mixture of saltwater and freshwater). Symptoms include watery diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea, fever, chills, and skin or wound infection, and typically occur between 12 to 72 hours after exposure. Most individuals with vibriosis recover on their own without severe health consequences.

Why is this important to the Cancer Consortium? Vibriosis can affect anyone, although individuals with a weakened immune system or with certain medical conditions such as cancer may be at increased risk for infection and severe health outcomes. In New York State, individuals with vibriosis are more likely to be hospitalized if they have cancer or diabetes. Individuals should be aware of their risk for serious illness from vibriosis.

To help prevent vibriosis, people should avoid raw or undercooked seafood, make sure raw seafood and its drippings do not contaminate other foods, and protect open wounds (cuts, scrapes, recent piercings or tattoos, etc.) from exposure to brackish water or cover the wound with a waterproof bandage. If symptoms occur after any of these exposures, it is important to consult a healthcare provider promptly. Health care providers with patients who have cancer or diabetes and symptoms of vibriosis should ask about recent exposure to raw seafood or brackish water.

Additional information about vibriosis can be found [here](#).

2025-2030 Prevention Agenda



The [Prevention Agenda](#) is New York State's Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and serves as a framework for coordinated state and local action to improve the health of all people in New York and reduce health disparities with a strong emphasis on prevention.

[2016-2020 Cancer Snapshot: The Burden of Cancer Across New York](#)



The New York State Cancer Consortium recently announced that the [2016-2020 Cancer Snapshot: New York State's Cancer Burden report](#) has officially been released. This report is based on data gathered and analysed by the New York State Cancer Registry and New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.

Please share this report broadly across your organization and with your partners.

To see other New York State cancer data and reports, please visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/cancer/> .

[Assessing essential needs expressed by breast and gynecological cancer patients with food insecurity: Shared by the Healthy Eating and Active Living Action Team](#)



This [New York State-specific study](#) looks at how the many needs facing cancer patients are amplified for those facing food insecurity, especially as financial toxicity from cancer treatment costs and housing needs increase.

[American Cancer Society: ECHO Programs for Primary Care Clinicians](#)



Project ECHO is a virtual learning model using videoconferencing to connect primary care providers with expert specialist teams. During these sessions, the presenting provider receives mentoring and learns from the specialist panel and other participants, fostering collective learning and problem-solving to manage complex conditions in local communities. The American Cancer Society is offering the following Project ECHO sessions. Please share these with primary care providers in your networks.

September 2025 – March 2026: [Building Pathways to Fertility Preservation in Cancer](#)

September 2025 – February 2026: [Prostate Cancer Screening in Primary Care](#)

October 2025 – January 2026: [Understanding Multi-Cancer Detection Testing](#)

October 2025 – March 2026: [Addressing Breast Density & Risk in Primary Care](#)



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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