

The Iowa Cancer Consortium's monthly e-newsletter contains cancer control updates, project overviews, and save-the-date information from our partners across the state.



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Newsletter

April 2019



SPRING MEETINGS

2019 TOUR: APRIL 4, 16, 26

REGISTER!

Thank you Davenport!

The first stop on the Iowa Cancer Consortium Spring Meeting Tour was to Davenport! It was truly a great day to connect with partners and meet new members who care about things such as transportation to cancer care, improving community health, educating the public about e-cigarettes, and survivorship programs and resources available to the community. Thanks to all of the members who were able to join us yesterday, from both near and far. And a special thanks to Genesis Health System for making us feel welcome at home - your new space is beautiful and we hope visit again soon!

View photos from the day on our Facebook page [here](#).

Register for an upcoming meeting:

- Ottumwa Spring Meeting (April 16): [Register](#)
- Ft. Dodge Spring Meeting (April 26): [Register](#)

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS [IFP]

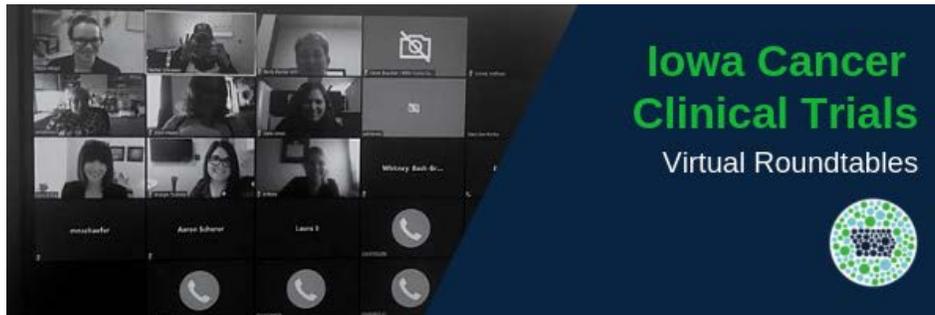
The FY20 Invitation for Proposals (IFP) letters of intent (LOI) are due today (April 5) by 5 p.m. to Lindsay Heck (heck@canceriowa.org). The LOI can be a simple note to let our staff know that you plan to apply and a simple sentence about your project. We use the letters to help us determine how many outside reviewers we will need to secure for the grants process.

Please note that late materials will not be accepted.

Details, including key dates and all application documents are available [here](#). Questions may be directed to Lindsay Heck (heck@canceriowa.org).

IFP Webinar Recording - Now Available

To view the FY20 IFP Applicant Webinar recording with FAQs, restrictions, and details about the application process, please click [here](#).



NEW Virtual Roundtable for Clinical Trials - Ready to Launch!

The Iowa Cancer Consortium is launching a series of *Iowa Cancer Clinical Trials Virtual Roundtables* to identify and connect cancer clinical trials researchers, stakeholders and networks in Iowa, and to identify opportunities for collaboration across networks.

We're kicking things off by inviting Iowa cancer clinical trials lead investigators -- including those addressing prevention, early detection and quality of life -- to describe their scope of work, research aims, populations served and sought, barriers, and collaboration needs/interests during the first virtual roundtable.

Lead investigators and other interested parties are asked to indicate their availability [by clicking here](#). If you are not a lead investigator but work within clinical trials, please forward and encourage your investigator(s) to provide their availability as well. You may also respond on an investigator's behalf. Please respond by April 12.

Attendance will be open to anyone, including research administrators and coordinators; healthcare providers and administrators; public health practitioners; survivors; advocates; and anyone else with an interest and/or stake in cancer clinical trials.

Future roundtable topics will be determined during the first session, as well, and may include:

- Increasing enrollment
- Recruiting under-represented groups
- Examples of community-based/population-based trials and how academic medical centers can be involved
- Workflow efficiencies, managing regulatory workload, techniques for managing patient identification
- Communicating research options for patients in community practices

- Transition of care from starting a clinical trial into care provided in a community setting
- How to find trials that meet patient population needs.
- Addressing myths about clinical trials.

Questions? Contact Kelly Sittig (sittig@canceriowa.org).

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you to all members to responded to the member survey. We appreciate your time and are looking forward to assembling the results and sharing with you in May 2019.

If you requested a phone wallet or entered for the prize drawing, watch your mail for delivery this month!

CANCER IN IOWA BLOG

As part of our on-going efforts to highlight local, state, regional, and national cancer control efforts, we are proud to bring you some of the first member contributed articles! If you are interested in contributing an article or sharing a story, please contact Rachel Schramm (schramm@canceriowa.org).



OVARIAN CANCER ADVOCACY

BRIDGET TOOMEY

Ovarian Cancer Advocacy

By: Bridget Toomey (bridget-toomey@uiowa.edu)

On March 5, 2019, over 150 ovarian cancer advocates made their way to the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. to meet with their Senators and Representatives to ask for increased funding for ovarian cancer research and awareness. I was among those advocates and I was there to represent the state of Iowa. [Read more ...](#)



LUNG CANCER SCREENING IN IOWA

DR. RICHARD HOFFMAN

Lung Cancer Screening in Iowa

Dr. Richard Hoffman (richard-m-hoffman@uiowa.edu)

Lung cancer screening generated considerable national attention when the National Lung Screening Trial published results in 2011 showing that screening with low-dose CT (LDCT) scans reduced lung cancer mortality by 20% compared to screening with chest x-rays. In Iowa, there are 32 registered screening sites contributing to the American College of Radiology (ACR) registry and they conducted 1,412 screening tests. [Read more ...](#)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A special welcome to new/renewing organizational members:

- Clarke County Public Health
- Genesis Medical Center
- Girls Inc. of Sioux City
- Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Iowa Army of Pink
- Iowa Oncology Research
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- Linn County Public Health
- Ottumwa Regional Health
- State Health Registry of Iowa
- UnityPoint Health - Trinity
- University of Iowa, College of Public Health

Welcome to new individual members:

- Jeff Andrews
- Whitney Bash Brooks
- Heidi Elser
- Sydney Evans
- Joan Heslinga-Boer
- Lynn Jackson
- Amy Jardon
- Jen Lee
- Jeneane Moody
- Morgan Newman
- Chad Ratigan
- Dan Rustan
- Cheryl Theulen
- Nathan Thompson
- Megan Wassom
- Devero Yellow Earring
- Krista Zepeda
- Danael Zilk

Now Available: Conference or Training Scholarship

Application

A reminder that Iowa Cancer Consortium members are eligible to participate in a pilot program to provide conference and training scholarships for current members. If approved, the applicant will receive funds to cover registration and travel expenses to local, state, and/or national conferences or training opportunities which focus on cancer control issues (prevention, health equity, screening, treatment, and quality of life).

View the application [here](#).

Priority will be given to those who identify with or directly support underserved or underrepresented communities or populations in Iowa.

Questions or comments may be directed to staff@canceriowa.org.

Quick Updates

Member Events:

- **"Scope it Out" Colonoscopy Event:** John Stoddard Cancer Center, in collaboration with area physicians and clinics, will provide free screening colonoscopies to individuals in the central Iowa area (*Polk, Dallas, Warren, Story, Jasper, Boone, Marshall, Marion, Madison, Clark, Guthrie and Green counties*). The annual "Scope it Out" event will take place on April 2, April 16 and April 19. [More information](#).

Applications:

- **Iowa Cancer Consortium's Invitation for Proposals (IFP):** The intent is to fund collaborative projects that address identified gaps in Iowa's cancer control and prevention efforts. Applicants may receive up to \$25,000/year in funding. Letter of intent due on April 5, 2019, with final proposals due on May 10, 2019. [Additional information](#).
- **Telligen Community Initiative:** Community grants focused on health innovation, social determinants of health/health equity, and healthcare workforce development for project requests up to \$50,000. Letter of intent due on May 28, 2019. [Learn more](#).
- **Wellmark MATCH Grant Program:** Community grants focused on increasing access to and consumption of nutritious foods and creating safe and healthy environments in which to be active. Small MATCH grant (requests up to \$25,000) are due on June 2, 2019. [Learn more](#).

Upcoming Conferences:

- **Iowa Cancer Consortium Spring Meetings:**

- April 16 in Ottumwa. [Register](#).
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- April 26 in Ft. Dodge. [Register](#).
- **Lung FORCE Expo** will be held on May 10, 2019, in West Des Moines. [Registration](#).
- The **HINTS Data Users Conference** will take place on May 22-23, 2019 in Bethesda, Maryland. The conference is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the research being conducted using the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS) data, as well as the role of HINTS research in public health and clinical care. [Register](#).
- **2019 Culturally Responsive Health Care in Iowa** conference on May 31, 2019 at the University of Iowa College of Public Health Building in Iowa City. [Learn more](#).
- **Iowa Immunization Summit: Promote. Protect. Prevent.** conference will be held on June 19-20, 2019 at The Meadows Event & Conference Center. [Register](#).
- **Iowa Cancer Summit** will be held on September 24, 2019, in Ankeny.

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