### Access to Resources and Expertise

The American Cancer Society, Iowa Cancer Consortium, State Health Registry of Iowa and Iowa Department of Public Health collaborated to produce data summaries on breast cancer, colorectal cancer, HPV, lung cancer, skin cancer, and obesity in our state. The documents are a resource for physicians, grant writers, and others who need data and evidence-based information about cancer prevention and screening in our state.

[Access to Resources and Expertise](http://canceriowa.org/IowaCancerStories.aspx)

### Non-Competitive Collaboration Across Traditional Boundaries

As a member of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable and a partner in the movement to reach 80% of the population screened for colorectal cancer by 2018, the Iowa Cancer Consortium convened leaders from multiple sectors to address current colorectal cancer screening levels in Iowa. Roundtable participants discussed perceived barriers to screening and established next steps for working together to reach the 80% by 2018 screening goal in our state. Colorectal cancer can be prevented and treated when found early enough.

[Sara Comstock, Health Systems Manager, American Cancer Society](http://canceriowa.org/HPVandCancerConference.aspx)

### Facts & Figures

The American Cancer Society, Iowa Cancer Consortium, State Health Registry of Iowa and Iowa Department of Public Health have unique and important stories to tell about their experiences with cancer. The Consortium established a video story bank to reflect the cancer experience within and across communities in the voices of real Iowans. The growing story bank allows others to hear and share first-person perspectives of the burden cancer puts on Iowa’s citizens and how that burden can be lessened.

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### A Bigger Impact

The relationship between inactivity and cancer risk is clear. The Consortium-funded Safe Routes to School program got adults and children from six rural Iowa counties moving their bodies through a Walking School Bus program. The project also provided 775 students with the tools and knowledge to turn their new healthy habits into lifelong skills for preventing cancer.

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Accessing stories and success stories from our organizational members: Above + Beyond Cancer

The Iowa Cancer Consortium connects us to tools that are essential to our work in Iowa. The access to information, experts, partnerships and other resources we find through the Consortium strengthens our capacity to reach Iowans with cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, and survivorship information and services.

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The Iowa Cancer Consortium offers a unique, objective, scientifically-based platform for diverse organizations passionate about improving cancer care and prevention within the state. They bring cancer centers, physicians, public health departments, payers, researchers, nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders to one table, pushing forward a united front for improving the health and well-being of Iowans. Cross-disciplinary roundtables convened by the Consortium improve diffusion of best practices, actionable steps and systems change. The Consortium has truly helped elevate discourse and engender collaboration within the state with respect to cancer care.

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The Iowa Cancer Consortium is the hub of cancer control work in Iowa. By bringing together so many people whose efforts are so diverse, the Consortium amplifies messages, combines resources, shares knowledge, and ultimately reduces the human and economic burden of cancer in Iowa.

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