



ICCCC: Iowa Consortium for Comprehensive Cancer Control

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Dates to Remember

September 26:
CRC Taskforce Meeting
Grinnell, Iowa

October 16:
ICCCC Fall Meeting
Johnston, Iowa

October 17:
IA Cancer Summit
Johnston, Iowa

October 20-22:
Northern Plains American
Indian Cancer Summit
Mandan, North Dakota

ICCCC Fall Meeting Set for October 16th

The ICCCC fall meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, October 16th. Registration will be at 12:30 with the meeting to begin at 1:00. A light reception will follow the ICCCC meeting from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.



ICCCC members are encouraged to also register for the 2008 Iowa Cancer Summit which will be held in the same location on October 17th. Registration for the ICCCC meeting will be available shortly. If you have questions about either of these events please contact Sara Comstock at 319-335-8144 or sara-comstock@uiowa.edu.

Nominations Open for Karen Packer 'Spirit of Collaboration Award'

The first annual Karen Packer Award was presented posthumously at the 2007 Fall ICCCC Meeting to Karen's husband Al for her exemplary work on cancer control efforts in Iowa. This is the second year of the award and ICCCC members are encouraged to nominate fellow Consortium members who exemplify collaboration in cancer control efforts. If you would like to nominate someone, please write a



paragraph about their outstanding efforts and e-mail it to Sara Comstock at sara-comstock@uiowa.edu. A full description of the award and nomination process is also available. The recipient of the Karen Packer 'Spirit of Collaboration Award' will be announced at the ICCCC meeting.

ICCCC Management Updates

On behalf of the entire Consortium I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Christiana Taylor who fulfilled the role of Consortium Manager during this time of transition for the ICCCC. Christiana will continue to serve on several ICCCC committees but returned to her previous job as Population Science Program Coordinator with the University of Iowa as of July 1st.

Plans are still being finalized for FY09 Consortium management. Until further notice, please send any questions or comments about the ICCCC to Sara Comstock.



Question of the Month: The annual incidence of invasive cutaneous [melanoma](#), the deadliest form of skin cancer, increased among Caucasian women in the United States aged 15 to 39 by ___ percent between 1980 and 2004?

**CancerCare:
Telephone Edition
Workshop Series.**

August 7, 2008

**[Living with Colorectal
Cancer: Managing
Treatment Side Effects](#)**

Calls are from 12:30-1:30

C.S.T. 1-800-813-4673

Recorded calls are available at
1-888-337-7533

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Education Workshop Full
Calendar](#)**

**Cancer Control Planning
Resources:**

www.canceriowa.org

www.cancercontrolplanet.cancer.gov

www.cancer.gov

www.cancer.org

Questions, comments,
corrections, meeting dates
and times, and/or story
ideas, contact:

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Maximizing Collaboration: Minimizing Disparities

2008 Iowa Cancer Summit

October 17, 2008

Hilton Garden Inn, Johnston, Iowa

The focus of the 2008 Iowa Cancer Summit will focus on cancer health disparities in the areas of prevention and detection, clinical trials and survivorship. Attendees will learn how the Iowa Consortium for Comprehensive Cancer Control (ICCCC) is taking action to move the Iowa Cancer Plan forward, share successful strategies to help reduce the state's cancer disparities and network with health care professionals, community health educators, advocates and survivors. Registration will be available in late August.



Supporter:

Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center – University of Iowa

Exhibitors:

Family Planning Council of Iowa

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Iowa Chapter

High Ground for Cancer Patients – Update

The Iowa Consortium for Comprehensive Cancer Control is working with the American Cancer Society, the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Lance Armstrong Foundation to provide housing, transportation and medical assistance to cancer patients currently receiving treatment who have been impacted by recent flooding and tornadoes in Iowa. The High Ground program has provided 64 cancer patients more than \$61,000 in direct financial assistance. For more information about the program visit <http://www.canceriowa.org/news/floodrelief.asp>

ICCCC Members Partner to Provide Telephone Support Group to Cancer Survivors



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is partnering with volunteer facilitators Marilyn Kile APRN, AOCN and Melissa Wright, LMSW, OSW-C to provide an adult myeloma, leukemia and lymphoma telephone support group.

The group will be held on Monday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00, beginning September 8th and running for six weeks. Please contact Wendy Sontag for more information or to register, 515-270-6169, 1-800-347-1074 or wendy.sontag@lls.org

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society also offers in-person support groups for patients, family members, friends and survivors of blood cancers at the following locations:

Des Moines: Group meets 2nd Thursday of every month in 4th floor conference center of John Stoddard Cancer Center. Joyce Berkenes, BSW, and Kathy Hunnicutt, RN, BSN, facilitators.

Iowa City: Group meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at University of Iowa Hospital on 8th floor Carver Pavilion, East Room (8008JCP). Jan Locher, MSW, and Karyn Berlin, LISW, facilitators.

Sioux City: Group meets last Tuesday or Thursday of the month at June Nylen Cancer Center. Mary Jane Fitch, BS, and Sister Janet Schumacher, facilitators.

Davenport: Meets 4th Thursday at Gilda's Club. Melissa Wright, LMSW, OSW-C and Tina Harper, MSW, facilitators.

To register, please contact Wendy Sontag, Patient Services Manager at (515)270-6169 or toll-free at (800)347-1074. Email wendy.sontag@lls.org.

Wellmark Grant Due Date Change

Due to the Wellmark Foundation's recent significant support toward Iowa disaster relief efforts (www.embraceiowa.org), the timeline for the 2008 community responsive grant cycle two has been modified. Letters of Interest (LOIs) are now due on September 23, 2008.

The Wellmark Foundation's health improvement agenda seeks to fund projects in **two priority areas: 1) childhood obesity prevention and 2) community-based wellness and prevention.**

Timeline:

September 23, 2008: Cycle 2 Letter of Interest deadline

November 20, 2008: Full proposal due (if selected)

Full information on Wellmark funding opportunities are available at www.wellmark.com/foundation

Cancer in the News

Some Exercise a Day May Keep Cancer At Bay [read article](#)

Disease Prevention Programs Worth the Investment [read article](#)

No Fun in the Sun for Many Young Women [read article](#)

Cancer Survival Depends on Where You Live [read article](#)

No Evidence Self-Breast Exams Cut Cancer Deaths [read article](#)

Family Poor Predictor of Breast Cancer [read article](#)

Austin Man Offers \$1 Billion for Cancer Cure [read article](#)

Cell Phone Cancer Controversy Causes Consumer Confusion [read article](#)

'Last lecture' professor dies of cancer [read article](#)

A Lifesaving Tool Against Cervical Cancer Remains Underused [read article](#)

New hope on prostate cancer [read article](#)

To receive the latest in cancer scientific updates register to receive the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Bulletin at the following link:

<http://www.cancer.gov/ncicancerbulletin#SendToFriend>

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Please take a few minutes to fill out the following [Newsletter Survey](#). The ICCCC is interested in creating effective communication within the Consortium, including good use of the newsletter.



Answer to Question of the Month:

The annual incidence of invasive cutaneous [melanoma](#), the deadliest form of skin cancer, increased among Caucasian women in the United States aged 15 to 39 by **50** percent between 1980 and 2004. [Read more](#)