



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 Announces Invitation for Proposals

The Iowa Consortium for Comprehensive Cancer Control released an invitation for proposals on August 20th. Implementation Groups or project committees made up of 3 or more Consortium members are eligible to apply. Proposals must be evidence-based and address a strategy in the Iowa Cancer Plan.

Timeline:

August 20 th :	IFP Released
September 15 th :	Proposals Due
September 29 th :	Funding Awards Announced

For the full invitation for proposals please e-mail sara-comstock@uiowa.edu.



Don't Miss the Deadline for Spirit of Collaboration Award & Iowa Cancer Champion Nominations September 5th

Please send nominations to sara-comstock@uiowa.edu

Are you Working to Reduce the Cancer Burden, with a Special Emphasis on Health Disparities?

If so, the Midwest Division of the American Cancer Society is announcing its Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Grants Program in September 2008.

Application Materials

- Program information and application materials will be available on-line beginning September 11, 2008 at <http://www.cancermw.org/research/cbprgrants/>

Community Information Sessions

- September 4, 2008 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm in the following cities:
 - Sioux City, Iowa City, Des Moines, Mason City, Ottumwa, Fort Dodge, Council Bluffs, Waterloo
- Please contact Karen Stewart for exact locations
- Webinars will be held September 10th at 10:00am and September 17th at 2:00pm
- Please contact Karen Stewart to participate

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September 12, 2008: [Living
with Metastatic Prostate
Cancer](#)

September 23, 2008:
[Advances in the Treatment of
Metastatic Melanoma](#)

**September 17, 2008 from
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (ET)
Update for the
Advocacy Community
from NCI Director
1-800-857-6584
Passcode: NCI
Toll-Free Playback: 1-800-934-
9468 through October 17,
2008
For more information:
<http://www.cancer.gov/directorscorner>**

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and times, and/or story
ideas, contact:

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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. At this time the program is still open and has provided 73 cancer patients more than \$70,000 in direct financial assistance. For more information about the program visit <http://www.canceriowa.org/news/floodrelief.asp>

ICCCC Members in the News

Weiner named to cancer clinical trials leadership group

George Weiner, M.D., director of Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa, will join a group of cancer center leaders nationwide who are looking at ways to expedite the process of cancer clinical trials in the United States.

Weiner will serve on the Operational Efficiency Working Group of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Clinical Trials Working Group, which aims to identify and reduce institutional or other factors that prolong the time from a clinical trial's conceptual approval to actual patient recruitment. Weiner was selected for his expertise in conducting clinical trials and for his role as director of an NCI-designated cancer center. Weiner also is currently serving his second year as chairman of the NCI committee that reviews the nation's top cancer research centers.

ICCCC Members featured in ACS Video

Watch as two ICCCC members (Drs. Christopher Squier and George Weiner) speak in front of the ACS CAN bus at its stop in Coralville to speak about the importance of grassroots advocacy in pushing cancer to the top of the national agenda.

[click here to view the video](#)



Cancer in the News

NPR cancer commentator Sievers dies at 53 [read more](#)

Cigarettes in Movies Seen to Cause Teen Smoking [read more](#)

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The Dawn of Personalized Oncology [read more](#)

Task Force Says Men Age 75 and Older Should Not Be Screened for Prostate Cancer [Read more](#)

New Research Results Explain How Dormant Tumor Cells Become Active in Later Years [Read more](#)

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