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Collaboration, Advocacy, and Resource Sharing at the 2010 Cancer Summit

With record attendance, the 2010 Iowa Cancer Summit provided an opportunity for a vibrant two-day dialogue on reducing the burden of cancer in Iowa.

Distinguished keynote speakers inspired participants to be advocates for cancer in Iowa, and shared how earlier conversations about death can improve outcomes for patients and loved ones.

This year, summit attendees could choose to participate in an even greater variety of breakout sessions from five tracks: prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship and research. The sessions became an opportunity to share resources, explore data, and discuss important work happening in the field of cancer.

If you missed a presentation, want to review the data presented, or just want to be inspired again, some presentations are available for [download here](#).

Thank you to the ICC Planning Committee and the Board of Directors for selecting me for this wonderful award. I want to share it with the great CCC team at IDPH: Jill Myers Gadelmann, Jolene Carver, Jeanna Jones and our newest member, Victoria Brenton. I am honored to accept this award in Karen Packer's name for her commitment, dedication and passion for cancer control. True to the name of the award, a big thank you to all the ICC members who continue to collaborate day after day to help us all reduce the burden of cancer in Iowa.

-Holly Smith, recipient of the Karen Packer Spirit of Collaboration Award



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Iowa Chapter receives the Third Annual Iowa Cancer Champion Award



Iowa Cancer Plan Phone Meetings Set for October

As a member of the ICC, you know that the future of cancer in Iowa is shaped by individuals (you!), working together (the ICC!).

The next five years of cancer care, education and research will be guided by an important process that is happening right now: the revision of the Iowa State Cancer Plan.

Share your expertise, share your input, share a little of your time by participating in an upcoming Iowa State Cancer Plan revision phone meeting. The schedule for the first round of meetings is as follows:

Primary Prevention section: October 14th, 10-11:30 a.m.

Screening section: October 14th, 1-2:30 p.m.

Quality of Life section: October 15th 10-11:30 a.m.

Treatment section: October 15th, 1-2:30 p.m.



*Can you see
the future of
cancer in Iowa?*

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9648762#

For more information, contact
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Save the Dates

April 14, 2011: Spring ICC Meeting, Grinnell, IA
September 29/30, 2011: Fall ICC Meeting and 2011 Cancer Summit

2010-11 ICC Board of Directors Slate

The following individuals are up for election to the Iowa Cancer Consortium Board of Directors for 2010-2011:



Lorrie Graaf, American Cancer Society, Des Moines, IA

Norm Van Klompenburg, Volunteer, Newton, IA

Amber Leed Kelly, Alegen Health Cancer Center, Council Bluffs, IA

Raul Calderon, Maharishi School of Management, Fairfield, IA

A brief bio for each candidate will be published in the November newsletter. In December, an electronic ballot will be sent to all ICC members who are up to date with membership dues.

Community Assistant Position Openings

Five regional Community Assistant positions are currently open through a three-year funded Iowa Cancer Control Grant. This grant – a partnership between the Iowa Cancer Consortium, the Iowa Research Network and the University of Iowa – will be focused on understanding and addressing the disparities in the burden of colorectal cancer in Iowa.

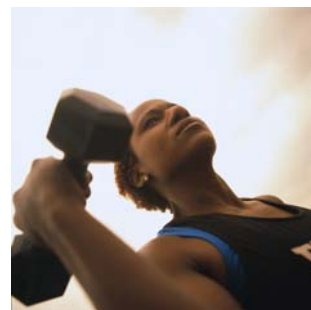
The infrastructure built as part of this program will eventually be applied to community-based research that addresses other cancers and life-style issues relating to cancer burden.

The Community Assistant – whether an organization or individual - will coordinate facilitation and implementation of community-based partnerships. Community Assistants will provide administrative support and leadership to the Community Advisory Board and will be involved in all facets necessary to ensure the success of the partnerships.

For more information, or to download an application form, visit www.canceriowa.org.

Reminder: Body & Soul Statewide Event Set for October 9th

The ICC, in partnership with the [American Cancer Society](http://www.americancancer.org), will host a statewide Body & Soul event on October 9th at the River of Life Church in Cedar Rapids. This event will include presentations about nutrition, physical activity, and how to implement a Body & Soul program in your area. Contact [Sara Comstock](mailto:sara.comstock@iowa-cancer.org) for more information, or to provide expertise or resources for this event.



Radon & Cancer: Preventing Cancer in the Latino Community



Plan to join the ICC for the first of seven sessions of *Preventing Cancer in the Latino Community* in 2010-11.

Learn about radon, its link to cancer, and how to reduce the related cancer risk in the Latino Community.

When: 11:30-1:00, October 21st

Where: Mercy Medical Center – Main Campus East Tower
1111 6th Avenue, Des Moines ([Map](#))

Who: Any individuals and organizations interested in addressing issues related to cancer in the Latino community.

Lunch will be provided. RSVP to [Sara Comstock](mailto:sara.comstock@iowa-cancer.org).

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Resources

National Breast Cancer Coalition

www.stopbreastcancer.org

American Cancer Society

<http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/news/Features/what-you-can-do-about-breast-cancer>

Breastcancer.org

www.breastcancer.org

New Colorectal Financial Aid Fund for Patients

The Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) recently launched a new Colorectal Financial Aid Fund. The new fund will provide one-time grants of \$400 to financially eligible colorectal cancer patients who have unmet transportation expenses associated with their medical care. Patients and caregivers can access the Financial Assistance Fund at 866-657-8634. www.patientadvocate.org.

National Public Health Leadership Institute (PHLI)

PHLI is a one-year tuition-free leadership development program for high-potential leaders with a commitment to leading their own organizations and communities, but also leading system change on the national scene. Application deadline is January 15, 2011. http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=629

New Inside Knowledge Resources Available

CDC's *Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts about Gynecologic Cancer* campaign has recently launched new and updated resources, including print and broadcast public service announcements, and patient education materials. <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/knowledge/>

Webinar Series on Health Literacy

October 6th: *Health Literacy 101*, Janet Ohene-Frempong, MS

Reserve your "seat" at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/513059699>.

October 20th: *Making Health Information Actionable and Engaging*, Margarita Hurtado, PhD and Sandy Hilfiker, MA

Reserve your "seat" at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/575066786>.

November 3rd: *Why Culture Makes a Difference*, Margarita Hurtado, PhD and Kay Loughrey, MPH

Reserve your "seat" at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/774870554>.

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