



Place Your Nominations for the Iowa Cancer Consortium Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for two awards given annually at the **Iowa Cancer Summit**:

- The **Iowa Cancer Champion Award** is given each year to an individual or organization who demonstrates commitment to reducing the burden of cancer in Iowa through work on policy, systems, and environmental change. The recipient may be, but is not required to be, a member of the Iowa Cancer Consortium.
- The **Karen Packer Spirit of Collaboration Award** honors an Iowan with an outstanding commitment to collaborative cancer control efforts in Iowa. The recipient *must be* a member of the Iowa Cancer Consortium.

Nominations are due by August 1, 2014. Both awards will be given out at the Iowa Cancer Summit on October 21-22, 2014, in Ankeny, Iowa. Find more information and links to nomination forms at www.CancerIowa.org/ICCAwards.aspx.

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LGBTQ Community and Cancer

By ICC Member Daniel Hoffman-Zinnel, Director of Education and Outreach, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

This article is part of a series guest authored by members of the ICC Health Equity & Disparities Committee.



Happy Pride Month!

Pride Month originated in 1969 when police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City, and the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) community fought back through riots and protests. In the decades since, the LGBTQ community has continued to fight for visibility through activism to achieve equality and justice. This fight includes addressing the health inequities and disparities the LGBTQ community faces, including those surrounding cancer.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and **One Iowa** are partnering to provide LGBTQ inclusivity training for healthcare and cancer facilities, providers, and professionals. This training was developed through an Iowa Cancer Consortium mini-grant, with assistance in content from the **National LGBT Cancer Network**.

According to Healthy People 2020, LGBTQ individuals face legal discrimination, higher rates of uninsurance, targeted violence, lack of data collection

inclusion, and shortages of knowledgeable and culturally-inclusive healthcare providers and facilities. Due to these social determinants, we see a number of health inequities and disparities, including

- Lesbians less likely to get preventative services for cancer.
- Gay men at a higher risk of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including human papillomavirus (HPV).
- Higher rates of tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use among LGBT population.
- One in four transgender individuals turned away from health providers.

There are areas on a systems and environmental level that must be improved with the purpose of advancing health equality for LGBTQ individuals. We all have the ability to show our Pride to help improve equality within our community and workplace. Show yours by working on the **LGBT Health Initiative of Iowa Coalition** or scheduling an LGBTQ Inclusivity Training by contacting Daniel Hoffman-Zinnel at daniel.hoffman-zinnel@ppheartland.org.

Resources

Healthy People 2020 LGBT Fact Sheet: <http://goo.gl/epNjFM>

National Cancer Network: www.cancer-network.org

One Iowa: www.oneiowa.org

Pictures from the 2014 LGBTQ Health & Wellness Conference: <http://goo.gl/ghWg7N>

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland: www.ppheartland.org



Radon in Iowa: A Symposium for Schools

Iowa school superintendents, board members, and other school officials are invited to this free training covering important radon-related topics for Iowa schools.

June 27, 2014 | 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | West Des Moines, Iowa | More information at <http://goo.gl/QEtPEi>.

St. Luke's to Add Radiation Therapy

This article is part of a series featuring ICC organizational members. Organizational members can reserve space to feature news and events in an upcoming ICC newsletter by contacting Kelly Sittig at sittig@canceriowa.org.



ICC organizational member **UnityPoint Health—St. Luke's Hospital** has provided care to cancer patients in the Cedar Rapids area for over 125 years, and is a trusted medical provider for many individuals fighting cancer in Eastern Iowa. The hospital has always provided diagnostic, surgical, restorative, and preventive cancer services to patients. St. Luke's was recently granted a Certificate of Need (CON) from the State Health Facilities Council to establish radiation therapy services.

"St. Luke's pursued radiation therapy based purely on our patient's needs," said Ted Townsend, St. Luke's president and CEO. "St. Luke's has always treated more than half of the cancer patients in Cedar Rapids and it's absolutely necessary that we have the most common and critical cancer treatment available to patients who call St. Luke's their hospital."

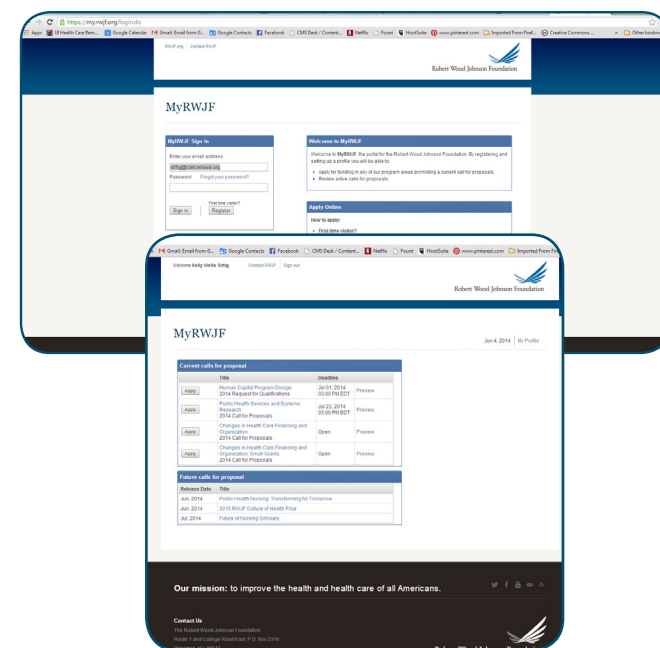
Since 2012, the hospital has provided intraoperative radiation therapy (IOERT) services directly to patients while still in the operating room. St. Luke's radiation therapy will be housed in a freestanding facility, which will result in significant cost savings to cancer patients. The facility will be adjacent to the Helen G. Nassif Community Cancer Center and the Physicians' Clinic of Iowa (PCI) Medical Pavilion.

Optimal care for cancer patients today requires a focus on the full continuum of cancer care. St. Luke's, Physicians' Clinic of Iowa, Helen G. Nassif Community Cancer Center (HGNCCC), and partnering community providers are committed to providing this full continuum of care. In collaboration with the HGNCCC, a full spectrum of cancer services are available to patients and their families, including Care Coordinators, Social Workers, Cancer Exercise Specialist, Dietician, Genetic and Risk Assessment Counselors, and a variety of Complementary Therapy Services such as Reiki, Reflexology, and Massage Therapy. Adding radiation therapy allows the multi-disciplinary model of care St. Luke's strives to provide to come full circle for patients and families choosing St. Luke's and the HGNCCC for their cancer care.

Check Out This Site: MyRWJF

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), whose mission is to improve the health and health care of all Americans, offers a personalized way to stay aware of current and future funding opportunities.

Set up a MyRWJF profile at <https://my.rwjf.org/login.do> to get a customized list of calls for proposal from the organization.



In Brief

Cancer Survivorship and Cancer Control: Working Towards a Coordinated Approach (R2R Cyber Seminar)

Building a coordinated system of survivorship care is essential for improving the psychosocial and physical well-being of all cancer survivors. The June Research to Reality (R2R) cyber-seminar will examine two important initiatives aimed at improving the lives and outcomes of cancer survivors. June 17. 1-2 p.m. (CST). <http://goo.gl/X0WfVx>

Telligen Community Initiative

The Telligen Community Initiative exists to provide philanthropic support to nonprofit organizations and community coalitions. First grant cycle currently open. Proposals due July 15. <http://goo.gl/3ZQ574>

Eighth Annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, & Media

Sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Public Health Information Coalition. August 19-21. Atlanta, GA. <http://goo.gl/ES0lqC>

CDC Expert Answers Questions about Preventing Infections During Chemotherapy

Dr. Lisa Richardson recently answered health questions and contributed content to WebMD Answers about preventing infections during cancer treatment. Read what she had to say: <http://goo.gl/salnS6>

Community Preventive Services Task Force Releases New Recommendations for Reducing Tobacco Use and Secondhand Smoke Exposure

The task force found strong scientific evidence that both smoke-free policies and increased tobacco product price can cut tobacco use and are beneficial in other ways. <http://goo.gl/gAz3m7>

Community-Based Skin Cancer Prevention that Works

The Community Preventive Services Task Force's latest evidence-based recommendations and findings highlight several settings and approaches to consider for implementation of programs, services, and policies to protect people from too much ultraviolet exposure. <http://goo.gl/izWJQS>

Healthy Iowans 2014 Progress Report

This report documents the progress Iowa is making in implementing *Healthy Iowans: Iowa's Health Improvement Plan 2012-2016*. <http://goo.gl/CkrEJh>

HHS Announces Funding for Community Health Centers

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced up to \$300 million under the Affordable Care Act to help the nation's community health centers expand service hours, hire more medical providers, and add oral health, behavioral health, pharmacy, and vision services. <http://goo.gl/029i7K>

ICC Events & Meetings

Health Equity & Disparities Teleconference

June 26. Noon. Dial 888-290-7502, and enter pass code 9648762#.

Communications Committee Teleconference

July 2. 10 a.m. Dial 888-290-7502, and enter pass code 9648762#.

Conference Planning Committee Teleconference

July 2. 1 p.m. Dial 888-290-7502, and enter pass code 9648762#.

Great Summit Sponsor Opportunities Remain!

The Iowa Cancer Summit will be held on October 22-22, 2014, in Ankeny, IA.

The image shows a detailed chart titled "2014 IOWA CANCER SUMMIT SPONSORSHIP" with columns for different sponsorship levels (e.g., Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze) and rows for various benefits (e.g., Booth Space, Exhibit Space, Registration, etc.). The chart uses 'X' marks to indicate which benefits are included for each sponsorship level.

Click on the image above to view available sponsorship levels. Then, make your selection at <http://goo.gl/6yOhor>.

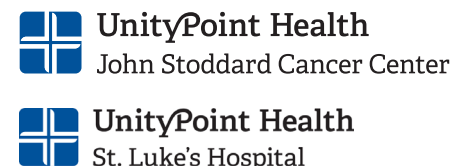
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