

Concept Grant Applications Accepted through October 6

The Iowa Cancer Consortium's Board of Directors has announced an invitation for proposals for FY2016 Concept Grants to fund collaborative projects that address identified gaps in Iowa's cancer prevention and control efforts.

As with all ICC funding opportunities, to be successful applications must incorporate strategies or action steps from the [2012-2017 Iowa Cancer Plan](#).

Proposals are due electronically to devery@canceriowa.org by 5 p.m. CST on October 6, 2015. Award notifications will be made on October 27.

Complete information and application materials are available by clicking [here](#). Questions? Contact us at staff@canceriowa.org.



Don't Miss Reduced-Cost Summit Registration

Each year, the Iowa Cancer Summit connects health educators, health professionals and other cancer advocates to network and exchange best practices in cancer prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship.

Registration is open for the 2016 Iowa Cancer Summit on October 22 and 23 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. This year's event features pre-summit activities focused on the [80% by 2018 initiative](#), and a main keynote by Richard Wender, MD, chief cancer control officer for the American Cancer Society.

Registration fees increase for everyone beginning October 12. More information and registration available by clicking [here](#).

Dr. Richard Wender, 2016 Iowa Cancer Summit Keynote



Bristol-Myers Squibb
Covenant Cancer Treatment Center
CHI Health

Member Spotlight: Red Shamrock Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Survivorship

The Red Shamrock Foundation is one of the newer Iowa Cancer Consortium organizational members, and provides a much-needed voice for pediatric cancer survivorship within cancer control discussions.

Red Shamrock Founder and Director John Hall has an all-too-personal understanding of what childhood cancer patients and their families face during treatment and after. It's the "after" that compelled him to start Red Shamrock.

On the organization's website, www.redshamrock.org, John talks about the reality that suddenly faced him after his son Finn was treated for cancer around the age of three. "My focus had been so concentrated on getting through his protocol and past the cancer," John says, "that I didn't realize what lay ahead for him....he would need specialized care for the rest of his life."

Due to advances in treatments in recent years, 80% of children with cancer will survive at least five years. But doctors have learned that the treatment children receive for cancer can have negative effects on their health later in life. In fact, studies have shown that 70-95% of childhood cancer survivors suffer from chronic health conditions that occur months or years after cancer treatment. These "late effects" can include heart and lung problems, delays in growth and/or sexual development, risk of secondary cancers, and more.

Now John and the Red Shamrock Foundation raise awareness of the unique needs of childhood cancer survivors and their families, supporting survivorship programs and post-cancer research in Iowa. Click [here](#) or on the image to the right to watch a video of John telling his story. Learn more about the Red Shamrock Foundation at www.redshamrock.org.



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Get Involved

Bald Is the New Beautiful Headshaving Event

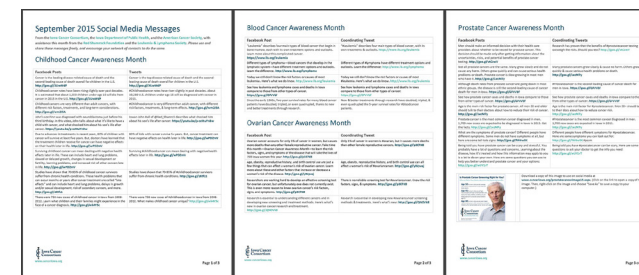
September 30, 7 p.m.

Buzz Salon, Iowa City
Information [here](#).



September Cancer Awareness Messages

Initiatives in September raise awareness of blood cancer, childhood cancer, ovarian cancer, and prostate cancer. Download ready-to-use social media messages for these topics by [clicking here](#).



In Brief

Iowa Health Insurance Marketplace Assister Summit

Navigators, certified application counselors, champions for coverage, and stakeholders are invited to attend this Summit to build on enrollment activities in Iowa and connect with partners across the state. 9:00-4:15 CST. September 29. Des Moines.

<http://goo.gl/DwzR3A>

Rebalancing Healthcare in the Heartland

October 14. Embassy Suites, Des Moines.

<http://goo.gl/KvcXnG>

Call for Abstracts: 2016 Governor's Conference on Public Health

The call for abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the 2016 Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health (April 12 & 13, 2016) is now open through October 15, 2015.

<http://goo.gl/bAZJ4f>

CDC Vital Signs: Hispanic Health

Hispanics or Latinos are the largest racial/ethnic minority population in the U.S. This CDC Vital Signs report provides an overview of Hispanic health.

<http://goo.gl/8Wa79x>

CMS Awards \$67 Million in ACA Funding

Marketplace Open Enrollment begins on November 1, 2015, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced over \$67 million in grant awards to support outreach efforts to connect people with local help as they seek to understand the coverage options and financial assistance available through HealthCare.gov. In Iowa, 3 organizations were granted awards including Genesis Health, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, and Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa.

<https://goo.gl/N7OBIs>

AHRQ National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report

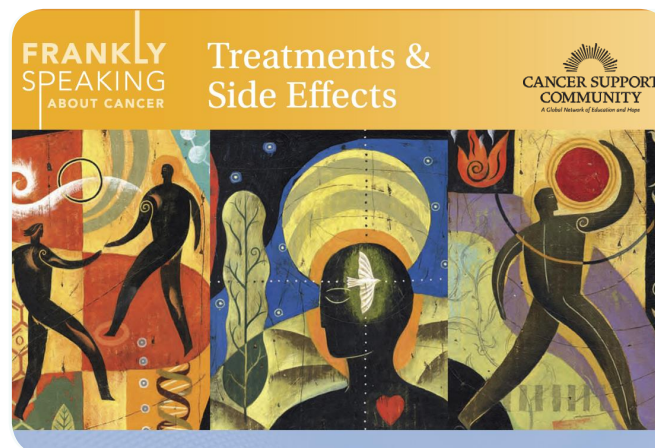
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released a report that measures trends in effectiveness of care, patient safety, timeliness of care, patient centeredness, and efficiency of care. The report presents, in chart form, the latest available findings on quality of and access to health care.

<http://goo.gl/Mm0StX>

CDC's 2012 US Cancer Statistics Report

The Division of Cancer Prevention and Control's Cancer Surveillance Branch released the 2012 United States Cancer Statistics (USCS) Web-based Report, Interactive Cancer Atlas (InCa) and State Cancer Facts (SCF).

<https://goo.gl/82Qlbo>



ICC Events & Meetings

Nutrition & Physical Activity Workgroup

September 14. 12-1 p.m. <http://goo.gl/xyAlJw>

Tobacco Workgroup

September 16. 10-11 a.m. <http://goo.gl/QnYE0D>

Iowa Health & Social Media Roundtable—Beginner

September 24. 10-11 a.m. <http://goo.gl/VM2o67>

Iowa Health & Social Media Roundtable—Intermediate/Advanced

September 24. 11-noon. <http://goo.gl/16GCQg>

UV/Sun-Safety Workgroup

September 24. 1-2 p.m. <http://goo.gl/hR65Ax>

Webinar: Frankly Speaking About Cancer

This is a FREE webinar for people with cancer, as well as loved ones, to learn strategies to manage treatment side effects such as fatigue, hair loss, anemia, infection and pain. Participants will also learn to manage emotional distress and optimize quality of life during and after cancer treatment.

6-7:30 p.m. September 29.

Register at <http://goo.gl/XPOC9n>.

Share Your Thoughts

Send corrections, submissions, article ideas, and other feedback for the ICC newsletter to Kelly Sittig at sittig@canceriowa.org.

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