
Iowa Cancer Consortium News

March 2017



Now Accepting Proposals for FY18 Iowa Cancer Plan Implementation Grants

The Iowa Cancer Consortium Board of Directors has announced an invitation for proposals (IFP) for Iowa Cancer Plan Implementation Grants. The intent of this IFP is to fund collaborative projects that address identified gaps in Iowa's cancer prevention and control efforts. Successful grant applications will incorporate strategies and/or action steps from the [2012-2017 Iowa Cancer Plan](#).

Details, including key dates and application documents, can be found [here](#).

An IFP overview webinar will be held for potential applicants at **10 a.m. on March 29, 2017**. The webinar will review IFP documents and discuss application requirements. Applicants are highly encouraged to attend this webinar or to watch the recording when it becomes available. No registration is necessary. [Click here](#) to join the meeting.

In-person application assistance will be available at the Iowa Cancer Consortium [regional spring meetings](#) in April. Applicants may email [Allie Bain](#) to make an appointment.

Spring Opportunities for Learning and Engagement with the Consortium

Consortium Regional Spring Meetings



This year, the Consortium is planning four regional Spring Meetings. All Iowans are invited to attend the meetings to participate in Iowa Cancer Plan feedback sessions to help develop priorities, goals and actions to be included in the 2018-2022 cancer plan.

Additional meeting content will be tailored to each region and will include:

- Consortium business
- Highlights of regional work
- Colorectal Cancer Roundtable content

Mark your calendars and register to attend one (or more) of the regional meetings:

- Sioux City, April 17 [Register here](#)
- Des Moines, April 21 [Register here](#)
- Clear Lake, April 25 [Register here](#)
- Cedar Rapids, April 28 [Register here](#)

HPV Conference

The HPV & Cancer Conference is scheduled for May 16, 2017, at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa. Mark your calendar, and watch for registration to open soon!



2017 Iowa Health & Social Media Conference



And finally, save the date for the 2017 Iowa Health & Social Media Roundtable, scheduled for June 12 at John Stoddard Cancer Center in Des Moines. More info to come. In the meantime, questions can be directed to [Amanda Carlson](#).

2017 Cancer In Iowa Report

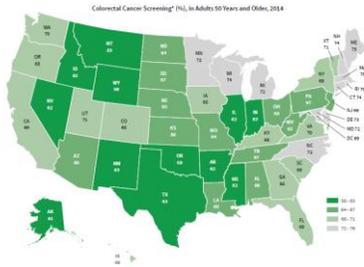
The state health registry released its new report on cancer cases in Iowa. The report projects that the number of cancer cases will go up (from 16,600 cases last year to 17,400) but cancer deaths will go down (from 6,400 last year to 6,200 this year).

This year's report featured liver cancer and includes information on liver cancer incidence, mortality, causes and prevention. [Click here to view the full report](#)

Colorectal Cancer Statistics, 2017



Colorectal Cancer Facts & Figures 2017-2019



The American Cancer Society has released the 2017-2019 edition of [Colorectal Cancer Statistics](#) and its companion publication, [Colorectal Cancer Facts & Figures](#). The report shows that despite dramatic reductions in overall colorectal cancer incidence and mortality, striking disparities by age, race, and tumor subsite remain.

[Click here for release information](#)

Release of New NCCRT Health Plan Handbook on Colorectal Cancer Screening (Webinar)

On March 28th the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT) will introduce the new NCCRT Colorectal Cancer Screening Best Practices Handbook for Health Plans which provides health plans with advice on the design and delivery of effective colorectal cancer screening programs.

The webinar will feature Dr. Anshul Dixit, Medical Director at Wellmark, and Iowa Cancer Consortium member.

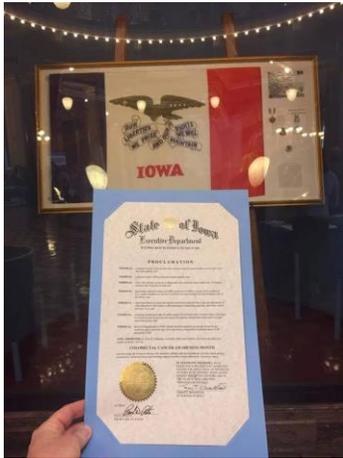
Date: April 12, 2017

Time: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. CST

[Click Here to Register](#)

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

On Wednesday, February 22, March was officially proclaimed as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Iowa. This signing made Iowa a Blue Star State which helps to raise awareness on the importance of screening and saving lives. Pictures from the event are below.



All of Me: Prioritizing Sexual Health

All of Me: Prioritizing Sexual Health is a Consortium-funded project focused on educating health care providers on how to better address sexual health concerns with cancer patients.

The project is in need of a nurse educator to review curriculum that will be used for on-site trainings. If you or someone you know is interested in providing input for the curriculum, please email [Erin Sullivan-Wagner](mailto:Erin.Sullivan-Wagner).

IDPH Soliciting Comments on Healthy Iowans 2017-2021

Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is soliciting public comments on its Healthy Iowans 2017-2021: Iowa's Health Improvement Plan. The plan sets an actionable public health agenda that will impact every person living in Iowa. The deadline to submit comments is March 29, 2017. View the draft plan and instructions for submitting comments [here](#).

Skin Cancer Screening (Webinar)

Date: April 12, 2017

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Presenter: Noah Tabor, American Cancer Society CAN, Iowa ACS Cancer Action Network Director & Mo Milhem, MBBS, UIHC, Director of Melanoma Program

- Share data on skin cancer incidence and mortality and on the detrimental effects of tanning and skin cancer screening on these trends.
- Discuss the role of the Primary Care Physician and skin cancer screenings.
- Explain how PCPs can become legislative advocates for their patients' health.

[Click Here to Register](#)

This webinar is part of the free The More You Know...Cancer Webinar Series presented by the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians in partnership with the American Cancer Society and supported in part by the Iowa Cancer Consortium and the Iowa Department of Public Health. [Click for Details](#)

In Brief

Training, Events and Opportunities

Culturally Proficient Strategies to Improve Colorectal Cancer Screening Among Hispanics (Webinar): Among both Hispanic men and women, colorectal cancer is the second-most commonly diagnosed cancer, and the third-leading cause of cancer death. While screening is a critical prevention tool, screening rates are lowest for Hispanics compared with other groups. Understanding how to discuss and promote colorectal cancer screening in culturally proficient ways is critical to reducing this disparity. **March 29, 2017 1:00 p.m.** [Click for Details](#)

Paper Tigers Documentary Screening: The documentary is an intimate look into the lives of select students at an alternative high school in Walla Walla, WA. The film examines the promise of the trauma-informed communities movement in healing youth struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). **April 3, 2017 1:00 p.m. Cedar Rapids Public Library** [Click for Details](#)

Allina Colon Cancer: Reaching out to the Never Screened (Webinar): Allina Health mails Immunochemical Tests (FIT) to patients who are due for colorectal cancer screening. The program includes instructions that are translated into the 5 most commonly spoken languages. **April 5, 2017 12:15 p.m.** [Click for Details](#)

The Role of Social Determinants in Cancer Prevention and Control (Webinar): Presented by the Michigan Cancer Consortium in coordination with national Minority Cancer Awareness Week. **April 13, 2017 1:00 p.m.** [Click for Details](#)

Improving LGBT Patient Provider/Relationships (Webinar): Join the Pennsylvania Department of Health for a live one-hour webinar to improve the LGBT patient/provider relationship and to share disparities for the LGBT community and best practices for overcoming these barriers. **April 20, 2017 11:30 a.m.** [Click for Details](#)

5th Annual LGBTQ Health & Wellness Conference: This conference aims to provide education, public awareness, and resources on the health needs of the LGBTQ community. It will also provide ample networking opportunities for both health professionals and the general public. [Click for Details](#)

2017 Healthiest State Conference: Keynote speakers include Philip Bors from Active Living by Design and John Coyle, founder and CEO of The Art of Really Living. Breakout sessions will be focused on the themes of eat well, move more and feel better. Don't forget to wear your walking shoes as there will be movement incorporated throughout the day! **May 2, 2017** [Click for Details](#)

2017 Living Proof Exhibit: Living Proof Exhibit is pleased to announce that the 2017 annual exhibition of art created by cancer survivors will be showcased at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. This exhibition, A Visualization of Hope, is open to any cancer survivor within a 200 mile radius of the Quad Cities. Applications are due by **May 2, 2017** [Click for Details](#)

Rural Cancer Control: Challenges & Opportunities: The University of Memphis and FedEx Institute of Technology are hosting this research meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. The meeting purpose is to define opportunities for future rural cancer control research that can be translated into effective interventions leading to prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer that address unique rural barriers. **May 4-5, 2017** [Click for Details](#)

2017 LUNG FORCE Expo: LUNG FORCE Expo is designed for patients and health care professionals to learn more about the latest trends, resources and research surrounding lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma and other respiratory issues. The expo will feature a track specific to lung cancer. **May 12, 2017** [Click for Details](#)

Tools and Information

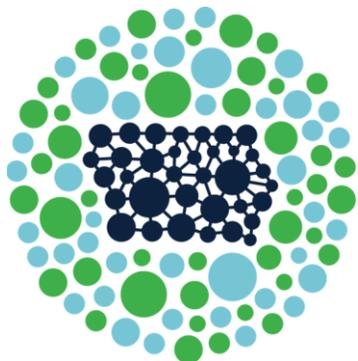
New JNCI Study Finds that CRC Rates have Risen Dramatically in Gen X and Millennials: A new study by American Cancer Society researchers, appearing in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, finds colorectal cancer (CRC) incidence rates are rising in young and middle-aged adults, including people in their early 50s, with rectal cancer rates increasing particularly fast. As a result, 3 in 10 rectal cancer diagnoses are now in patients younger than age 55. [Click here](#) to read the full report.

Consortium Events and Meetings

Iowa Cancer Consortium FY18 IFP Overview (Webinar): 10-11 a.m. March 29. [Click for details](#)

Systems & Environmental Change Teleconference: 12-12:30 p.m. April 4. [Click for details](#)

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