

THE COALITION VOICE

**A newsletter of the
Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition
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The Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition
receives funding from the Centers for Disease Control.



CONFERENCES

October 1–2- Austin, Renaissance Hotel. TMA Summit 2004: Strategies for Leadership.

The conference includes a leadership development seminar on Thursday. The House of Delegates meets Saturday morning. Find the conference agenda and registration info at www.texmed.org

NOEP FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

These professional nursing education opportunities are offered through the Nurse Oncology Education Program.

September 10 – Bryan. Current Cancer Concepts
September 17 – Waco. Cancer Symptom Management
October 8 – Laredo. Cancer Symptom Management
October 16 – Victoria. The Silent Cancers
October 23 – Austin. Cancer and Genetics
October 30 – Del Rio. Cancer Symptom Management
November 5 – Tyler. Pain and Palliative Care

For more information or to register, visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800-515-6770.
NOEP receives funding from the Texas Cancer Council.

POEP SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Saturday, September 18, 2004 – Laredo, Texas A&M

7th Annual Cancer Symposium

Topic: Prostate Cancer/Multiple Myeloma/Gastic/Gastroesophageal Cancer

Speaker: Joaquin Mira, MD & Cesar Freytes, MD & Peter Pisters, MD

Tuesday, September 21, 2004 – Georgetown Cancer Center.

Topic: Pain Management [ethic credit]

Speaker: Greg Guzley, MD, FACP

Saturday, October 30, 2004 – Del Rio Conference Center. Cancer Symptom Management.

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Thursday, November 11, 2004 – South Padre Island, Sheraton Hotel and Condominiums

Topic: Skin Cancer and Breast Cancer

Speakers: Catherine Ronaghan, MD FACS (skin cancer) & Micheline Hyacinthe, MD (breast cancer)

Tuesday, November 30, 2004 – Taylor, TX, John's Community Hospital

Topic: Treating Pain Management in the Elderly [ethics credit]

Speaker: Greg Guzley, MD, FACP

For more information about these POEP events, contact Leslie Jones at 512/370-1761.

TRAININGS

Cancer Nutrition Network for Texans (CNNT) plans to visit Amarillo, Corpus Christi, Victoria, Laredo, Del Rio Austin and San Antonio this year. Please contact Libby Smith for information on hosting or attending a workshop. easmith@utmb.edu or via www.2utmb.edu/nsights/

The CNNT is dedicated to helping meet the nutritional support needs of cancer patients and their principal caregivers. CNNT receives funding from the Texas Cancer Council.

NEWS FROM COALITION PARTNERS

COALITION ADDS NEW MEMBERS

Seven individuals have accepted an invitation to join the Coalition. Their participation helps ensure full representation of cancer control interests across the state. The Coalition is pleased to welcome...

- Thom Sloan, Administrator, Children’s Cancer Research Institute
- David Euhus, M.D., Associate Professor, Dept. of Surgery, UT Southwestern, Dallas
- Barry Feig, M.D., Associate Professor, Surgical Oncology, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
- David Boldt, M.D., Interim Director of SACI, Chief, Division of Hematology, UT Health Science Center, San Antonio
- Angelina Esparza, RN, Program Director, Community Relations Center for Research in Minority Health, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and Board member, Hispanic Health Coalition
- Davor Vugrin, M.D., Clinical Professor, Internal Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- Karen Jackson, Executive Director, Sisters Network

COALITION MEMBERS HELP GUIDE TEXAS CANCER PLAN UPDATE

Many Coalition members participated in update process for the *Texas Cancer Plan*, including recent work group meetings. The Update Executive Steering Committee has completed its revision of objectives, strategies and action steps. The Health Disparities subcommittee will make suggestions to the Steering Committee to ensure that the *Plan* adequately addresses health disparities, Next steps include writing of accompanying text and document formatting. Printing is scheduled for November. A bibliography of reference citations for the *Plan* is available on the web site www.texasancerplan.org .

C-TOOLS – INFO AT YOUR FINGER TIPS COMING IN JANUARY

The American Cancer Society, Texas Division and the Texas Medical Association's Physician Oncology Education Program are collaborating to develop C-Tools, electronic applications for handheld personal digital assistants to aid primary care physicians in the prevention, detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The project is partly funded by National ACS.

- C-Tools** will include
- * Tobacco Cessation "A For Effort" Messaging
 - * Body Mass Index Calculator
 - * ACS Screening Guidelines
 - * Skin Cancer Screening Information
 - * Prostate Specific Antigen Information
 - * Childhood Cancer Early Warning Signs/Symptoms
 - * Emerging Technologies for screening
 - * Cancer Patient - Symptom Management
 - * Cancer Patient - Palliative Care Guidelines
 - * Cancer Patient - Cancer Pain Medications
 - * Cancer Patient - Drug Calculator Application.

The package of info can be downloaded in January 2005 from the web sites of the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org) or the Physician Oncology Education Program (www.poep.org) .

<p>LOOKING AHEAD Cancer-Related Health Observances Calendar Source: http://www.healthfinder.gov</p> <p>OCTOBER will be..... National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Lung Cancer Awareness Month</p>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES CORNER

This feature includes practical information for busy local cancer control program, planning and service providers .Got a great resource to share? Tell us about it.

WEB SITE LOCATES PRIMARY CARE FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

A web site service of the Health Resource and Service Administration (HRSA) may be useful in identifying local health care options for underserved and underinsured clients. Visit <http://ask.hrsa.gov/pc/> and type in your Texas community.

FREE MATERIALS FROM NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

National Cancer Institute reminds us of free materials ready to use. Just order or even download. Visit <http://cisserve.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs/> for the materials described below and more!

[What You Need To Know About Lung Cancer](#)

This booklet discusses possible causes, symptoms, diagnosis treatment emotional issues and questions to ask your doctor about lung cancer.

[Understanding Breast Changes: A Health Guide for All Women](#)

This booklet discusses how doctors distinguish breast lumps from other normal breast changes that are often confused with breast cancer. It encourages women to get regular screening mammograms and clinical breast exams. Available on line only.

[What You Need To Know About Breast Cancer](#)

This booklet discusses possible causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, emotional issues and questions to ask you doctor about breast cancer.

[Screening Mammograms: Questions and Answers](#)

This fact sheet defines screening mammograms and discusses their advantages and limitations. Available on line only.

When Breast Cancer Hits Home

This booklet addresses topics from the practical to the spiritual - decisions, fear, hope, humor, children, friends, finances and more. Life goes on after cancer diagnosis, but it goes on differently. This guide helps you navigate this new world from the perspective of those who live in it. To order go to http://www.nccc.org/education/education_edpubs_bcbooklet.html or call 1-888-315-5988.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. Please direct your ideas about the newsletter to Susan Nenney, Project Coordinator, snenney@tcc.state.tx.us or call 512-371-7585.