

THE COALITION VOICE

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Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition
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CONFERENCES

INVOLVING MINORITIES IN CLINICAL TRIALS, November 13, Houston, The Houstonian, 8 am-5 pm
Hosted by the Center for Research on Minority Health at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, the program should be of interest to physicians who serve ethnic minority and underserved populations. Attendees will learn about cultural competence in the context of recruiting participation from diverse populations for clinical and prevention trials recruitment of diverse populations. Participants will receive 7 category 1 credits in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility. For more information contact Anissa J. Lewis at (713) 563-4006 or ajlewis@mdanderson.org.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

CNNT WORKSHOP: CREATING CANCER CARE TEAMS

The Cancer Nutrition Network for Texans will present a cancer patient/caregiver workshop three times. Please contact Libby Smith at 409-772-6602 or easmith@utmb.edu for more information.

November 9 – Amarillo	Harrington Cancer Center	1:00 – 4:00pm
November 10 – Victoria	Citizens Medical Center	5:30 – 8:30pm
November 11 – Corpus Christi	American Cancer Society	6:30 – 8:30pm

POEP SPEAKERS' BUREAU

For more information about these POEP events, contact Leslie Jones at 512/370-1761. POEP receives funding from the Texas Cancer Council.

Thursday, November 11 – 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

NEWS FROM COALITION PARTNERS

COALITION DEVELOPS TWO-YEAR STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES PLAN

Twenty-six Coalition members and alternate representatives developed the framework for a two-year action plan for Coalition collaborative activity. These activities were chosen to support implementation of the updated *Texas Cancer Plan*. Two short-term activities include the development and implementation of a communication plan to promote the *Texas Cancer Plan* and an advocacy plan to support a tobacco tax and funding for the Texas Cancer Registry and the Texas Cancer Council. The second year activities include a professional seminar

combined with community outreach and the design and implementation of a local cancer control demonstration project. In addition to reaffirming the need for committees representing the five *Plan* goals: I.PREVENTION INFORMATION & SERVICES, II.EARLY DETECTION & TREATMENT, III.PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & PRACTICE, IV.CANCER DATA ACQUISITION & UTILIZATION AND V.SURVIVORSHIP. The group also established a Vision Committee, a Communications Plan Committee and an Advocacy Committee.

TEXAS CANCER REGISTRY & PARTNERS EVALUATE HISPANIC AND ASIAN CANCER INCIDENCE

The Texas Cancer Registry is part of a national level Hispanic research project to evaluate the extent to which the geographic variation in age-adjusted cancer incidence among Hispanics can be explained by geographic differences in specific Hispanic origin, acculturation, socio-economic status, and underlying cancer risk. Texas Registry partners are the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) and the New York and New Jersey state cancer registries.

The Texas Cancer Registry is also part of the NAACCR Asian/Pacific Islander Identification Work Group to identify Asian/Pacific Islander cancer records that have been misclassified to another race or coded as "unknown." For this project, the Texas Cancer Registry is collaborating with ten cancer registries, including six SEER registries, National Cancer Institute, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and NAACCR.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: Female Cancer Screening Education for Nurses in Rural or Medically Underserved Areas of Texas

Local entities can bring a cancer prevention training program to nurses in their communities. The program is offered by Nurse Practitioners from Professional Education for Prevention and Early Detection (PEPED) at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and is supported by a grant from the Texas Cancer Council.

The goal of the program is to prepare nurses to incorporate cancer prevention activities into clinical practice so that more Texans have access to these services. The program targets nurses who provide health care to medically underserved Texans.

Day One of the program emphasizes prevention, risk assessment and early detection and includes screening and risk reduction options. New this year is additional content on skin, colorectal and lung cancers. On Day Two, PEPED faculty members supervise selected participants in a clinical component to build expertise.

PEPED works with a local site coordinator whose responsibilities are to secure a location for the classroom education, recruit nurse participants, and arrange a site for the supervised experience. The site coordinator also helps communicate the program's purpose, goal and evaluation criteria to the nurse participants and their employers.

Interested in bringing this workshop to your area? Contact Faye Gregory, RN, MSN, FNP, BC, Project Coordinator 713-745-5438 fgregory@mdanderson.org

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Patient Navigation Research Program

The National Cancer Institute requests applications for the Patient Navigation Research Program: Eliminating Barriers to Timely delivery of Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment services. This RFA challenges principle investigators to develop operationally effective and cost effective patient navigation interventions. For more information go to <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/NIH/NIH/RFA-CA-05-019/Grant.html>.

Application Deadline is November 18, 2004

Planning Grant for Minority Institution/Cancer Center Collaboration

The National Cancer Institute announces the availability of funds to help researchers and faculty at Minority Serving Institutions (Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Tribal Institutions) in collaboration with researchers and faculty of NCI-designated Cancer Centers or other institutions with highly organized, integrated research efforts focused on cancer, to plan and implement focused collaborations in cancer research training or education. For more information go to <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/NIH/NIH/RFA-CA-05-020/Grant.html>.

Application deadline is December 17, 2004

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CORNER

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

NEW FAMILY HISTORY INITIATIVE: Knowing your family tree can improve your health

A new national program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Surgeon General's provides a new way to obtain an accurate family health history and to use that information in disease prevention and health promotion. Beginning this month Thanksgiving Day will become the annual National Family History Day.

Your family history can be the cornerstone of your personal disease prevention program. In a few years, sophisticated genetic testing and other advances will dramatically change how health care is practiced. Most diseases are due to the interactions of multiple genes and environmental factors. Meanwhile, help is here to encourage family conversation.

The new Family History Initiative from U.S. Surgeon General's encourages family discussion of health history. The initiative includes an easy-to-use downloadable, web-based family history tool, "My Family Health Portrait," became available November 8 at <http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory> and is available in English and Spanish.

HEREDITARY BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER SUBJECT OF FREE BROCHURE

A brochure on hereditary breast and ovarian cancer is available at no charge from FORCE (Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered), the only national nonprofit consumer organization for individuals and families affected by heredity breast and ovarian cancer. Through a grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, FORCE has making available up to 1,000 copies per agency of their updated brochure on this topic. For more information, contact Jennifer S. O'Neill, Ph.D., Texas Regional Outreach Coordinator, FORCE jenniferO@facingourrisk.org phone 866-288-RISK ext. 715.

<p>LOOKING AHEAD</p> <p>Cancer-Related Health Observances Calendar</p> <p>Source: http://www.healthfinder.gov</p> <p>DECEMBER will be...</p> <p>National Aplastic Anemia Awareness Week (Dec. 1-7)</p>
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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.