

THE COALITION VOICE

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Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition
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CONFERENCES

January 28-29

Texas School Health Association Conference, Plano. Sponsored by the Nurse Oncology Education Program. For more info visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770. NOEP is funded by the Texas Cancer Council.

February 5 Saturday

The ASH/SABCS Review 2005: Recent advances in the treatment of hematological malignancies and breast cancer as presented at the 2004 American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting & the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. A continuing education program presented by National Oncology Alliance, the Physician Oncology Education Program, and the Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology. POEP Exhibit. Register at www.noainc.com. POEP is funded by the Texas Cancer Council.

March 5, 2005 **NEW POSTING**

Practical Applications of New Agents in Oncology, Marriott River Center Hotel – San Antonio, Texas
Sponsored by The Cancer Therapy and Research Center, Institute for Drug Development, and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. The target audience is physicians, pharmacists, and nurses who treat oncology patients.

This symposium will focus on the large number of new anticancer agents and related supportive therapeutics that have been approved over the last several years, as well as those that will likely be approved. Speakers will discuss the incorporation of these agents into standard clinical practice, providing guidance to front-line clinicians regarding current or projected appropriate use of these therapeutics. Topics will include both early and late stages of various malignancies, and combined modality therapies (chemotherapy + surgery + radiotherapy).

Registration form due by February 25, 2005, or register on site. Registration fee \$95 for physicians, \$65 for other health professionals. Continuing educational credits will be available for physicians, pharmacists, and nurses. For more info and to register please call CTRC Scientific Symposia Dept at 210-616-5912.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

January 14

The Silent Cancers, Lufkin. Sponsored by the Nurse Oncology Education Program. For more info visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770

February 4

Pain and Palliative Care, Alvin. Sponsored by the Nurse Oncology Education Program. For more info visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770.

February 19

Cancer Symptom Management, Corpus Christi. Sponsored by the Nurse Oncology Education Program. For more info visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770.

February 26

Annual Cancer Update, San Antonio. Sponsored by the Nurse Oncology Education Program. For more info visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770.

March 18

Pain, Nutrition and Oral Care, Midland. Sponsored by the Nurse Oncology Education Program. For more info visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770.

March TBA

Genetics and Cancer, Bedford. Sponsored by the Nurse Oncology Education Program. For more info visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770.

April 27 2005 NEW POSTING

A CNNT Patient/Caregiver Workshop as well as a Train the Trainer workshop is planned for April 27, 2005 in McAllen, TX. The CNNT also hopes to visit Edinburg, El Paso, Laredo, Del Rio and San Antonio. Please contact Libby Smith at eamsmith@utmb.edu or (409) 772-6602 for details on how to schedule or attend a workshop.

M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Training Opportunities – “Making Cancer History”

Unique training programs for nurses, nurse practitioners, primary care physicians, physician assistants, and other healthcare professionals who want to develop or enhance their skills in cancer prevention, screening, and early detection. Learn to integrate these life saving strategies into your practice. Education programs in colposcopy, breast and female cancer screening, GU and male cancer screening, skin cancer screening. Clinical practice and clinical rotations. CNE/CME. For details, copy this site to your Internet browser. www.mdanderson.org/peped or call Leah Jones at 731-792-3427.

NEWS FROM COALITION PARTNERS

GOV. PERRY NAMES DR. LEWIS FOXHALL TO STATE HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

Dr. Lewis Foxhall, Chairman of the Coalition and Associate Vice President for Health Policy at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, was among the seven individuals appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the State Health Services Council. Pursuant to House Bill 2292, passed in the 78th Legislature regular session, the council is created to make recommendations regarding the management, operation, policies and rules of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

TX CANCER FACTS & FIGURES PRESS BRIEFING HIGHLIGHTS CANCER BURDEN

The newly minted *Texas Cancer Facts & Figures 2004* was the centerpiece of a press briefing held December 15 in the Texas Capitol. The product of months of collective hard work and collaborative efforts, the document is a joint effort of the Texas Division of the American Cancer Society, the Texas Cancer Registry and Center for Health Statistics of the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Cancer Council, and the Texas Cancer Data Center of the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

The briefing focused on the cancer control needs in Texas. About 63% of all those diagnosed with cancer have a five-year relative survival rate. Survival rates are even higher, more than 90%, for many cancers caught early. Despite this positive survival trend, cancer remains the second leading overall cause of death behind heart disease. Among Texans age 45-65, cancer is the leading cause of death.

Texas Cancer Facts & Figures 2004 provides essential data to support the update of the *Texas Cancer Plan*, a statewide blueprint to guide public, private and nonprofit organizations in collaborative efforts to reduce the burden of cancer in Texas.

To obtain a copy of *Texas Cancer Facts & Figures 2004*, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

JOB OPENING NOEP

"Farewell and thank you" to Sherry Woodward who recently retired from her position as Program Director of NOEP. She has been a committed and active supporter of the Coalition.

The Texas Nurses Association is seeking a Program Director to manage a statewide cancer education program for nurses. Major responsibilities include financial and administrative management of the Texas Cancer Council grant. Must have demonstrated abilities in program management including staffing, budget evaluation and grant writing. Skill in curricula development and strategic planning is desired. Excellent communication and networking skills are essential to work with diverse constituencies. The job requires an RN with a Master's degree that can be in a field other than nursing with a minimum of two years experience in program/project management. An excellent team atmosphere makes this job one in which personnel can exercise their strengths and build their skills in a pleasant work environment.

Please send resume and salary history to hr@texasnurses.org or fax (512) 452-0648.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Community Program Grant RFP Announcement

The Lance Armstrong Foundation will soon be accepting applications for funding in Spring 2005 through the Community Program. The LAF is pleased to offer financial support and practical advice to community nonprofit organizations serving the needs of cancer survivors as identified by the National Action Plan for Cancer Survivorship. The Foundation seeks to help innovative projects that encourage survivors to live strong through physical, emotional, and practical challenges of their survivorship.

The LAF will offer two types of grants in Spring 2005 in support of cancer survivorship initiatives that impact people in their local communities. A request for proposals (RFP) and additional guidelines are now available on the website (www.laf.org) in the Public Health section of the site. The on-line application system will open on January 3, 2005, and will be accessible through a link on the LAF website. The deadline for Letter of Intent submissions - accepted only through the on-line system- is 12:01 a.m. CST on February 15, 2005.

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.

CANCER INFORMATION SERVICE: A website to bookmark

Looking for patient information, cancer news, clinical trials, services and support for underserved populations, links to other resources? You'll want to bookmark <http://cis.nci.nih.gov>, the web site of the Cancer Information Service. Check it out.

LOOKING AHEAD

Cancer-Related Health Observances Calendar

Source: <http://www.healthfinder.gov>

FEBRUARY does not include any official cancer observances,
but it *DOES* bring us Valentine's Day.
Help someone you love receive all appropriate cancer screenings.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. Please direct your newsletter ideas to Susan Nenny, Project Coordinator, snenney@tcc.state.tx.us or call 512-289-8166. The *Coalition Voice* is produced by the Coalition Support Project which is funded by the Texas Cancer Council.