

THE COALITION VOICE

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Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition
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CONFERENCES

April 8, 2005 **NEW POSTING**

Greater Houston Area Breast Health Summit The United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast Community Resource Center 50 Waugh Drive, Houston. \$15 per person or \$25 for two people.

The purpose of the Summit is to fill the gaps in breast health services and combine complimentary resources to improve access to care, particularly for low-income and uninsured clients. This is a working conference that is open to anyone with an interest in breast cancer/breast health in the greater Houston area. We are bringing the best minds in the breast health community together to help solve a life and death issue - covering gaps in breast cancer treatment services. Visit www.komen-houston.org for more information. Sponsored by The Rose and The Houston Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation with a Public Health Grant from the CDC.

April 15-17, 2005

7th ANNUAL NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN BREAST CANCER CONFERENCE **“The New Spirit of Survivorship”**

J.W. Marriott Galleria - Houston. Hosted by Sisters Network Inc., the nation's largest African-American breast cancer survivorship organization. Registration is \$165 and includes workshops, exhibits and the Awards Luncheon featuring Dr. Gabriel Hortobagyi. Nationally recognized motivational speaker Les Brown is the featured speaker for the Astra Zeneca Gospel Brunch. CEU AND CHES credits provided through M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

More than 600 African-American breast cancer survivors, nationally recognized medical experts, elected officials and community leaders are expected to attend the historic conference during National Minority Cancer Awareness month. To register, please call (866) 781-1808 or visit www.sistersnetworkinc.org

April 22, 2005 FRIDAY

Tobacco Cessation Training Conference Embassy Suites Hotel, Lubbock.

Sponsored by Spit Tobacco Prevention Network. Intended audience: Dentists, nurses, physicians, dental assistants, health educators, social service professionals, teachers, coaches and others involved/interested in tobacco prevention/education. CDE, CNE, and CHES credit available. Conference registration \$20. Hotel rooms \$80.00 (Embassy Suites, 5215 S. Loop 289 – at Slide Road, 806.771.7000)
For more information and registration forms please contact Rebecca Miller at rebecca.miller@nospit.com. or call her at 512.869.4223.

This conference is funded by the Texas Cancer Council.

May 14 Saturday **NEW POSTING**

7th Annual Cancer Symposium at TexMed 2005. Gaylord Texan Resort, Grapevine. Speakers include Drs. Janaki, Phillips, Rustin, Crossno, Hwu, Driver, Brushwood and Helen Petty.

To register, please visit <http://texmed05.texmed.org/content/registration/default.asp>

May 14 Saturday NEW POSTING

(Yes, it is the same day as the Cancer Symposium, in adjacent ballroom)

Obesity Summit at TexMed 2005, Gaylord Texan Resort, Grapevine. Speakers confirmed to date include Drs. Handel, Sanchez, Cooper, Grundy, and Glorsky.

To register for the Obesity Summit, go to: <http://texmed05.texmed.org/content/registration/default.asp>

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

March 8 Tuesday

The Multidisciplinary Approach to the Treatment of Head & Neck Cancer, 1-hour *Audio Conference Call* with CancerCare.org. Co-sponsored by POEP.

<http://www.cancer.org/EducationalPrograms/EducationalProgramsList.cfm?c=57>

March 18 Friday

Hereditary Breast Cancer: Incorporating Genetic Testing into the Practice Setting [Ethics] Westin Century Plaza, Los Angeles, CA. Speaker: Alan Stolier, M.D., New Orleans, LA. Co-sponsored by POEP. For more info, contact Leslie Jones at POEP 512/370-1671.

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.

APRIL CANCER NUTRITION NETWORK OF TEXAS

April 6 CNNT Patient/Caregiver Workshop with the Esperanza Project, El Paso **NEW POSTING**

April 8 CNNT Policy Council meeting, Dallas **NEW POSTING**

April 26 CNNT Patient/Caregiver Evening Workshop, FUMC, McAllen **NEW POSTING**

April 27 CNNT Train the Trainer Morning Workshop, Harlingen

April 27 CNNT Patient/Caregiver Evening Workshop, UTMB McAllen

April 28 CNNT Train the Trainer Workshop 9a-12P, UTMB McAllen **NEW POSTING**

Please contact Libby Smith at easmith@utmb.edu or (409) 772-6602 for details on scheduling or attending a CCNT workshop.

APRIL NOEP TRAINING **NEW POSTINGS**

April 1 Pain, Nutrition and Oral Care, Hurst

April 9 Pain Management in Special Populations, Harlingen

April 15 Lung Cancer, Amarillo

April 22 STOPN, Lubbock

April 30 Children and Adolescents Living With Cancer, Uvalde

Visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770 for more information and registration for NOEP events. NOEP receives funding from the Texas Cancer Council.

April 16 Saturday NEW POSTING

Genetic Evaluation for Cancer [Ethics], Women's Health Research Institute Building, Amarillo
Speaker: David Euhus, MD, Dallas. For more info, contact Leslie Jones at POEP 512/370-1671. POEP receives funding from the Texas Cancer Council.

April 28 Thursday NEW POSTING

Early Detection, Prevention, and Treatment of Head and Neck Cancers, The Physicians Centre, Bryan, TX (Otolaryngology) Speaker: Charles Stiernberg, MD, MBA, Houston. For more info, contact Leslie Jones at POEP 512/370-1671. POEP receives funding from the Texas Cancer Council.

May 13 NEW POSTING

Cancer and Genetics, Houston. Visit www.noeptexas.org or call 800.515.6770. Sponsored by NOEP.

June 8 Wednesday NEW POSTING

Informed Consent and Decision Making as relates to Prostate Cancer [Ethics]. United Regional Health Care System, Wichita Falls. Speaker: Evelyn Chan, MD. For more info, contact Leslie Jones at POEP 512/370-1671.

June 18 NEW POSTING

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

July 11-15 NEW POSTING

All Well Conference, Navasota. For more information visit www.schoolhealth.info

NEWS FROM COALITION PARTNERS

Managing Dental Health During Cancer Care

Oral Health in Cancer Therapy: A Guide for Health Care Professionals (2nd Edition) is a sixty-two-page text developed by the Dental Oncology Education Program. Authored by Dr. K. Vendrell Rankin and Dr. Daniel Jones, both faculty members of Baylor College of Dentistry, TAMUSHSC, and Dr. Spencer Redding, of UT Health Science Center, San Antonio, monograph topics range from the oral effects of chemotherapy, bone marrow transplant, and head and neck radiation therapy to nutritional support of cancer patients, management of acute oral pain and special considerations for pediatric patients.

The evaluation and management of oral pain and the management of nutrition in a compromised oral environment are important aspects of cancer therapy and survivorship. This monograph provides current, practical clinical information and guidance to the practitioner outside the major cancer treatment center to assist in providing their patient family with appropriate advice as they progress through therapy at a distant site or the information to provide a continuum of oral health care in preparation for cancer therapy, during therapy and after therapy. Chemotherapy and radiation therapy are major subdivisions of the monograph, while addressing stage-appropriate treatment. Achieving balance in these areas is essential to completing the recommended therapeutic regime and achieving quality of life following therapy. However, they may receive less than optimal attention by the health care professionals focused on more visible pathologies.

The monograph concludes with a discussion of the issues that impact the delivery of optimal dental care in conjunction with cancer therapy. The national and some state's reimbursement policies are woefully inadequate or tortuously complex when one attempts to acquire medically necessary dental care to restore or maintain the oral health of a cancer patient or survivor. The result is that although the patient survives cancer and cancer therapy, they may live the remainder of their life as a "dental cripple" without the resources to obtain or continue the dental regime that will enable them to continue to maintain their dentition, eat, talk, swallow and speak adequately for the remainder of their life.

The monograph is available through the Dental Oncology Education Program. Call (512) 443-1308 or visit www.doep.org.

Consumer Reviewers Sought for Cancer Risk Web Site

Please share this information with interested individuals in your community.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), a federal agency that is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is building a website for people who are seeking information on cancer risk. The website is in the early stages of development and NCI wants to focus group test it with individuals who meet the following criteria.

- ❖ Are a male of any race or ethnicity
- ❖ Are a female of any race or ethnicity
- ❖ Have not had cancer
- ❖ Are over age 40
- ❖ Speak fluent English
- ❖ Have a Windows-based operating system
- ❖ Can use the Internet through an Internet browser (daytime or evening) and the telephone **at the same time**
- ❖ Would like to participate in an online/telephone focus group on cancer risk

Call NCI toll-free at **1-888-249-0029** for more information. Health professionals are ineligible. All participants in a discussion group will be paid for their time. Participating in a study involves a total of 1 to 2 hours.

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.

CANCERCare: 60 Years of Providing Resources Within Clients' Reach

"How do I tell my child I have cancer?" is the # 1 question **CancerCare** receives from parents with cancer. The Masters'-trained social workers tackle that question and more (such as "10 Tips for Talking to Your Children About Cancer") through their **CancerCare for Kids** program which focuses on helping parents and children under 18 through support, advice, counseling. Services are free, in English and Spanish. Call 1-800-813-HOPE or visit www.cancercareforkids.org

That's not all. **CancerCare** offers support groups via conference call or online and offers facts sheets online on a variety of cancer-related topics. To learn more, visit www.cancercare.org or call 1-800-813-HOPE

<p style="text-align: center;">LOOKING AHEAD Cancer-Related Health Observances Calendar Source: http://www.healthfinder.gov</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April will bring</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✓ Cancer Control Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✓ Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week (April 11-17)</p>
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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. If you wish to be removed from this list please let Susan know at the above address. The *Coalition Voice* is produced by the Coalition Support Project which is funded by the Texas Cancer Council.