

# THE COALITION VOICE

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### NEW GUIDELINES FOR CANCER PAIN MANAGEMENT ENDORSED

A new clinical practice guideline for the management of cancer pain was endorsed this month by the American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives (AACPI), a leading national organization dedicated to improving the treatment of pain for persons with cancer. Developed by an interdisciplinary panel of prominent cancer pain experts and released by the American Pain Society earlier this year, the new evidence-based guideline revises and updates the first cancer pain guideline, which was published by the US Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (now the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) in 1994.

"The new guideline will help tackle a major barrier to pain relief, which is the inadequate knowledge on the part of clinicians on how to properly assess and manage cancer pain," said Patrick Coyne, R.N., a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Clinical Director of the Thomas Palliative Care Unit at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals/Virginia Commonwealth Health Systems, and chair-elect of the AACPI. Coyne also served on the expert panel that wrote the guideline.

"The AACPI and our network of State Pain Initiatives strongly encourage all health care professionals who provide care to persons with cancer to use the guideline," said Coyne. The guideline stresses that all cancer patients should be assessed for pain at each outpatient or hospital visit, and encourages patients and family caregivers to take an active part in the treatment plan.

Health care professionals can purchase the guideline from the American Pain Society by calling 847-375-4715, or ordering online at [www.ampainsoc.org](http://www.ampainsoc.org).

### NEW JERSEY REQUIRES CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING BEFORE MEDICAL LICENSURE

New Jersey Governor Richard Codey officially signed into law NJ Senate Bill S144 in March. This bill requires cultural competency training as a condition of medical licensure as well as its inclusion in the curricula of the state's medical schools. This makes New Jersey the first state in the nation to require physician cultural competency training. Additional information about the legislation can be obtained at the following website: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>

Codey said it is important for physicians to know that asthma, hypertension, AIDS, Sickle Cell Anemia and several types of cancer affect minorities at greater rates. Health care professionals also must be aware of unique cultural beliefs that may affect the health care decisions their patients make, he said.

The bill, S144, requires New Jersey physicians to take cultural competency training in order to obtain a medical license from the State Board of Medical Examiners. Physicians who already have their medical licenses will need to complete the training as a condition of renewing their licenses.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – Smoking prevention among urban youth

*A Program to Prevent Smoking Among Urban Youth*, a funding initiative through the CDC Foundation, results from the recent settlement against the industry's KOOL MIXX campaign.

Interested applicants should submit an LOI to the CDC Foundation by **May 6, 2005**. Background information and instructions on the application process can be downloaded at [www.cdcfoundation.org/urbanyouth](http://www.cdcfoundation.org/urbanyouth).

The grant program will provide funds for youth smoking reduction and prevention services, with a focus on urban communities, particularly in those states and the District of Columbia where the 2004 KOOL MIXX DJ Competitions were held. Funds will be awarded through a competitive grant process and will range from \$75,000 - \$200,000.00 for a 12-24 month period.

## CONFERENCES

### 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](mailto:rebecca.miller@nospit.com). or call her at 512.869.4223.

This conference is funded by the Texas Cancer Council.

### May 14 Saturday

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

(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>

### July 24-27 Sunday –Wednesday **NEW LISTING**

The Texas Teen Tobacco Summit & Comprehensive Tobacco Prevention Conference, The Woodlands Conference Center. The conference will highlight best practices in tobacco prevention, education and cessation.  
<http://www.csc.txstate.edu>

## WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

### APRIL CANCER NUTRITION NETWORK OF TEXAS

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

**April 27** CNNT Train the Trainer Morning Workshop, Harlingen

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

**April 29** CNNT Policy Council Meeting, Dallas, April 29

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

## APRIL NOEP TRAINING

**April 15** Lung Cancer, Amarillo

**April 22** STOPN, Lubbock

**April 30** Children and Adolescents Living With Cancer, Uvalde

Visit [www.noeptexas.org](http://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

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

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

Cancer and Genetics, Houston. Visit [www.noeptexas.org](http://www.noeptexas.org) or call 800.515.6770. Sponsored by NOEP.

### June 8 Wednesday

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

Genetics and Cancer, Bedford. Sponsored by the Nurse Oncology Education Program. For more info visit [www.noeptexas.org](http://www.noeptexas.org) or call 800.515.6770.

### July 11-15

All Well Conference, Navasota. For more information visit [www.schoolhealth.info](http://www.schoolhealth.info)

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## NEWS FROM COALITION PARTNERS

### CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR TEXAS NURSES IN ALL FIELDS OF PRACTICE

*The NOEP Informer's* Spring/Summer issue ... Colorectal Cancer: The Nurse's Role Chemotherapy Administration Course Scholarships for Nurses Statewide CNE Workshops ... is available online. Visit <http://www.noeptexas.org/ce/brochure/spring05.pdf>

### CANCER NUTRITION NETWORK NEWSLETTER ONLINE

The NSights Newsletter is created by the Cancer Nutrition Network for Texans (CNNT). The CNNT Project aims to provide consistent, scientifically grounded, well-documented information on nutritional support. The hope is that such information will help cancer patients, caregivers, family members and health care professionals obtain the best nutritional support during their cancer experience, especially in symptom control and nutrient replacement. Please enjoy our newsletter. <http://www.utmb.edu/nsights/Newsletters/March2005.pdf>

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## **C-TOOLS 2.0: TIME-SAVING, IN YOUR POCKET AND FREE**

The American Cancer Society is pleased to announce a new resource for health professionals. C-Tools 2.0, a timesaving PDA tool, provides instant access to cancer information to anyone in the healthcare field. C-Tools was developed initially through the POEP and TMA and with the input of many of Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control members who helped develop content, and then alpha and beta tested the final product now available.

C-Tools 2.0, an innovative Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) software package, was developed to help physicians, nurses and other health professionals prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. It's available free of charge from American Cancer Society and may be downloaded or ordered on a CD-Rom at <http://www.cancer.org/c-tools>.

This new resource may be promoted to colleagues through a specially developed Webmerical <http://capcom.acs-tx.org/mini/spreadtheword.aspx> which allows you to easily forward C-Tools 2.0 information on to other people. Thanks for your support of our collaborative cancer control activities in Texas.

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## **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.*

### **ADVOCATING FOR EFFECTIVE PAIN MANAGEMENT**

Persons with cancer pain and family members should speak up when pain is not managed well, according to the American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives. They are also encouraged to become familiar with the medicines and other therapies used to treat pain, and not let fears of addiction or side effects from the pain medicine keep them from taking the medicines they need to get adequate relief.

Patients and families can obtain a question and answer guide, *Cancer Pain Can Be Relieved*, and a companion pamphlet titled *8 Facts Everyone Should Know About Cancer Pain* are available for a nominal cost through the Resource Center of the AACPI at <http://wiscinfo.doit.wisc.edu/trc/>, or by calling 608-262-0978.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOOKING AHEAD</b> <b>Cancer-Related Health Observances Calendar</b> Source: <a href="http://www.healthfinder.gov">http://www.healthfinder.gov</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAY WILL BRING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>Brain Tumor Action Week (May 1-7)</b></li><li>✓ <b>Melanoma Monday (May 2)</b></li><li>✓ <b>National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Day (May 2)</b></li><li>✓ <b>National Neurofibromatosis Month</b></li><li>✓ <b>Skin Cancer Awareness Month</b></li><li>✓ <b>World "No Tobacco Day" (May 31)</b></li></ul>
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Thank you for your interest in the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. Please direct your newsletter ideas to Susan Nenney, Project Coordinator, [snenney@tcc.state.tx.us](mailto: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.