

THE COALITION VOICE

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Modeling Electronic Reporting Project

CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries is developing the Modeling Electronic Reporting Project to help advance automated reporting of cancer data. The unified modeling language will be used to transmit data from hospital electronic medical record and hospital database systems to both the hospital registry and a state central cancer registry. The model will serve as the foundation for subject matter experts throughout the nation to collaborate on the development of a national model and plan. A national plan will provide an infrastructure so the limited resources available to cancer registries can be marshaled around an agreed upon set of national priorities. Such a plan will allow cancer registries to obtain the majority of cancer data electronically, which would potentially produce more complete, timely, and accurate cancer surveillance data.

<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/merp/index.htm>



And the winner is.... POEP Recognized by ACS for Partnership

On behalf of the Physician Oncology Education Program (POEP), Dr. Marilyn Leitch (right) and Program Director Tanya Skaarup (left) accept an American Cancer Society award in recognition of POEP's exemplary partnership in development and support of the C-Tools software program to help physicians, nurses and other health professionals fight cancer. Dr. Lewis Foxhall (center) presented the award. C-Tools originated at POEP as CA Tools. The ACS Texas Division bought the software from POEP, which now includes 12 modules including many updates requested by physicians.

A National Framework for Cancer Surveillance in the United States

Enhancements to cancer surveillance systems are needed for meeting increased demands for data and for developing effective program planning, evaluation, and research on cancer prevention and control. Representatives from the American Cancer Society, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Cancer Institute, National Cancer Registrars Association, and North American Association of Central Cancer Registries have worked together on the National Coordinating Council for Cancer Surveillance to develop a national framework for cancer surveillance in the United States.

The group now proposes a conceptual framework for future cancer surveillance systems. These systems are needed to meet the increased demands for data and to develop effective program planning, evaluation, and research on cancer prevention and control activities. The framework addresses a continuum of disease progression from a healthy state to the end of life and includes primary prevention (factors that increase or

decrease cancer occurrence in healthy populations), secondary prevention (screening and diagnosis), and tertiary prevention (factors that affect treatment, survival, quality of life, and palliative care). The national framework also addresses cross-cutting information needs, including better data to monitor disparities by socioeconomic status, to assess economic costs and intervention benefits for individuals and for society, and to study the relationship between disease and individual biologic factors, social policies, and the environment. Read more at:

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=15868456

CONFERENCES

July 24-27 Sunday –Wednesday

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

July 11-15

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

NEWS FROM COALITION PARTNERS

New Director named at NOEP

Gay Lindsey MSN, RN, OCN has been named Director of the Nurse Oncology Education Program. Gay has over 25 years of experience in administration, education, program management and grant funding. Most recently she has served as Program Director of Professional Practice and Education for St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton, CA and was Chair of the Evidence-Based Practice Council for the Nursing Center of Excellence.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CORNER

(Do you have a resource you'd like to share with colleagues? Send it to us and we'll include it.)

NCI List-serve Aids Cancer Patient Educators

Are you a cancer patient educator? Are you interested in exchanging information on education best practices with other oncology professionals? If the answer is YES, you now have the opportunity to connect with other professionals in the field through a valuable National Cancer Institute (NCI) listserv.

"[This] is perhaps the most incredible resource I have in my [professional] role," stated a member of the Cancer Patient Education Network (CPEN) listserv.

The NCI Cancer Patient Educators listserv expands and replaces the CPEN listserv, which was open only to cancer patient educators from NCI-designated Cancer Centers. By connecting cancer patient educators nationwide, the NCI Cancer Patient Educators listserv will improve information sharing, stimulate new ideas, and increase the dissemination of effective approaches.

If you work in the cancer patient education field, join today at <http://cpen.nci.nih.gov/members/listserv.htm>.

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. Please direct your newsletter ideas to Sandra Balderrama, Texas Cancer Council, sbalderrama@tcc.state.tx.us or call 512-463-3190. If you wish to be removed from this list please let Sandra know at the above e-mail address. The *Coalition Voice* is produced by the Coalition Support Project, which is funded by the Texas Cancer Council.