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National Cancer Institute's **CANCER INFORMATION SERVICE**

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The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Cancer Information Service (CIS)

educates the public about cancer prevention, risk factors, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and research.

- CIS specialists provide the latest, most accurate information about cancer by telephone, TTY, instant messaging, and e-mail.
- The CIS operates the NCI's Smoking Quitline (1-877-44U-QUIT).
- Through its Partnership Program, the CIS works with established national, regional, and state organizations to reach those most in need of cancer information.
- The CIS takes part in health communications research to find new and better ways to educate people about health.

For information and publications, call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or visit <http://www.cancer.gov>.

NCI Press Releases & Information

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter> or as otherwise noted.

- Researchers Identify New Regulatory Circuit Controlling Immune Cell Production in Mice (1/11/09)
- Gene Abnormality Found To Predict Childhood Leukemia Relapse (1/7/09)
- Inherited Factors Play an Important Role in Breast Cancer Progression According to New Study in Mice (1/1/09)
- New Tool Developed to Predict Colorectal Cancer Risk (12/29/08)

Clinical trials results:

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials/results-all> or as otherwise noted.

- Surgery Alone May Be Best for Early Endometrial Cancer (1/14/09)
- Rituximab Improves Outcomes for Patients With Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (1/14/09)

National Health Observances

This calendar comes from the National Health Information Center Web site: <http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/nhoyear.asp?year=2009>.

February observances:

National Cancer Prevention Month
National Donor Day (14th)

Looking ahead to March observances:

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
National Endometriosis Awareness Month

NCI Publications of Interest

Available at <https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs> or as otherwise noted.

- *Lo que usted necesita saber sobre el cáncer de pulmón* (What You Need To Know About Lung Cancer)
(Also available PDF and online formats at <http://www.cancer.gov/espanol/tipos/necesita-saber/pulmon>.)

NCI Fact Sheet Collection

New, revised and reviewed titles. Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/>.

In Spanish:

- Estudios de prevención de cáncer de seno (FS 4.18s, 1/5/09)

Other Publications of Interest

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recently expanded their online cancer information in Spanish. Accurate, evidence-based information is available for the most commonly diagnosed types of cancer, cancer survivorship issues, and health disparities. *Prevención y control del cancer* is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/spanish/cancer>. (Partial screen shot at right.)

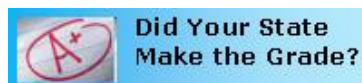


State Cancer Programs in Action



The CDC works with partners to translate research into public health programs, including state cancer programs. They help states, tribes/tribal organizations, and territories build the capacity to apply scientific advances to the development of strong cancer control programs. Participants in two of those programs, the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, recently were featured on a CDC news page. To read highlights of the various approaches these programs took, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/CancerPrograms>.

For health care professionals seeking ways to work together to help patients adopt healthy behaviors and better manage their health, a new Web page from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will be of interest. Titled “Linking Clinical Practices and the Community for Health Promotion”, it’s the newest addition to AHRQ’s Health Care Innovations Exchange pages. The content covers profiles and tools, and comments and sharing innovations are encouraged. Go to http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/learn_network/resources-for-linking.aspx to explore further.



The American Lung Association (ALA) has recently released its annual State of Tobacco Control report on key tobacco control laws and policies to reduce tobacco addiction, diseases and death. This year the report grades all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government. A copy of the report can be downloaded by visiting <http://www.stateoftobaccocontrol.org/?tr=y&auid=4395901>.

Other Items of Interest

Participation of Certain Population Subsets in Clinical Drug Trials; Request for Comment

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is seeking information and comments on issues related to the enrollment of certain populations in clinical drug trials. Particularly, the FDA is requesting information and comments from medical product manufacturers, institutional review boards (IRBs), patient groups, universities, researchers, community groups, and other interested parties. Written or electronic comments are requested by February 27, 2009. The Federal Register notice, in either PDF or online format, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=FDA-2009-N-0674>.

Other new information:

- Cigar Use Among Young Adults Aged 18 to 25 (SAMHSA) (1/15/09)
<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k8/cigars/cigars.htm>
- Cancer Registries: Helping to Address the Nation's Cancer Burden (CDC) (1/12/08)
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/CancerRegistries>
- Making Progress against Cervical Cancer (CDC) (1/7/09)
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/CervicalCancer>
- Staying Healthy (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) (1/1/09)
<http://www.medicare.gov/Library/PDFNavigation/PDFInterim.asp?language=English&Type=Pub&PubID=11100>

Press releases of interest:

- Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Launches New Web Site (1/8/08)
<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jan2009/od-08.htm>
- Smoke-Free Policy Leads to Dramatic, Sustained Drop in Heart Attack Hospitalizations in Pueblo, CO (12/31/08)
<http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2008/r081231.htm>
- FDA Approves Drug for Patients with Advanced Prostate Cancer (12/29/08)
<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01935.html>

National Funding Opportunities

AHRQ Health Services Research Projects – PA-09-070

Deadline: March 9, 2009

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits Large Research (R01) Projects. AHRQ seeks to support research to develop, disseminate, and translate rigorous evidence that can be used by public and private policymakers, by health system and community leaders, and by managers of healthcare organizations who want to reduce unnecessary healthcare costs (waste) while maintaining or improving healthcare quality, i.e., who want to increase value and efficiency in the organization, delivery, and financing of health care for all Americans. In addition to applications of systematic quantitative research methods, qualitative and mixed-methods research are also encouraged. Full details are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-070.html>.

Local Events of Interest

TSOPHE Evidence-Based Practice: What's in it for me? ~ *NEW*

March 6-7, 2009

M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, O'Neil Griffin Conference and Education Center, Houston, TX

<http://www.tsophe.org/favicon.ico>

National Events of Interest

20th National Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control: Cultivating Healthy Communities

February 23-25, 2009

Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, MD

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/conference>



Community-Campus Partnerships for Health 11th Annual Conference

April 29-May 2, 2009

Hilton City Center, Milwaukee, WI

<http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/conf09-overview.html>

A Dialogue for Action in Colorectal Cancer Screening: Harnessing the Power of Success ~ *NEW*

April 1-3, 2009

Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD

<http://www.preventcancer.org/education2c.aspx?id=126&terms=dialogue>

The 7th Annual Cancer Survivorship Series: Living With, Through and Beyond Cancer – Telephone Education Workshops ~ *NEW*

April 14, 2009, Part I: Managing the Stress of Survivorship

May 19, 2009, Part II: The Importance of Nutrition and Physical Activity

June 23, 2009, Part III: Survivors Too: Family, Friends and Loved Ones: Managing the Fatigue of Caregiving

All workshops scheduled for 1:30-2:30 PM (Eastern time); pre-registration required.

http://www.cancercare.org/get_help/tew_calendar.php

Cancer Health Disparities Conference: Building Bridges to Improve Rural Health ~ *NEW*

May 27-29, 2009

Las Cruces, NM

Contact: Lené Loest, hloest@nmsu.edu

Summer Research Training Institute for American Indian and Alaska Native Health Professionals ~ *NEW*

June 15-July 2, 2009

Portland, OR

http://www.npaihb.org/training/page/summer_research_training_institute

Call for Abstracts: American Public Health Association Conference

(Philadelphia, November 2009) ~ *NEW*

Deadline: February 9-13, 2009

<http://www.apha.org/meetings>



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