

New Jersey Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan

Working Together to Reduce the Burden of Cancer in New Jersey

Fact Sheet

What is Comprehensive Cancer Control?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Comprehensive Cancer Control allows communities and partner organizations to pool resources to reduce the burden of cancer. These combined efforts help –

- Reduce cancer risk.
- Find cancers sooner.
- Make treatments better.
- Increase the number of people who survive cancer.

Comprehensive Cancer Control in New Jersey

In 2000, the Office of Cancer Control and Prevention (OCCP) and the Governor's Task Force on Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment in New Jersey were formed to reduce the burden of cancer in the state.

The mission of the Task Force is to develop, apply, and promote the New Jersey Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. This is a coordinated statewide approach to cancer control through education and outreach.

Under the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, OCCP coordinates all cancer control efforts of the Task Force, its standing committees, workgroups and 21 county cancer coalitions. This is a volunteer cadre of over 2,000 individuals and organizations.

The Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan benefits New Jersey's residents by...

- Encouraging people to live a healthy lifestyle.
- Promoting cancer screening tests.
- Increasing awareness and access to effective cancer care.
- Improving the quality of life for cancer survivors.
- Increasing support for community partnerships.
- Sharing resources between local organizations and agencies.
- Advocating for public policies that support cancer control.

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Telling New Jersey's Story

The Task Force presents this summary of the top priorities from each workgroup and standing committee for continued work of the New Jersey Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

Workgroups

Breast Cancer

Awareness and Education

Promote breast cancer awareness and education for those at high risk. Increase awareness for re-screening and follow-up.

Childhood Cancer

Treatment and Quality of Life

Improve the quality of life of young cancer patients from diagnosis through treatment and survivorship. Increase awareness of late effects and advocacy issues.

Colorectal Cancer

Awareness and Screening

Raise awareness of colorectal cancer prevention, detection and treatment methods. Increase colorectal cancer screening rates.

Gynecologic Cancer

Education and Research

Increase awareness and education about cervical and ovarian cancers. Address the use of the HPV vaccine and support gynecologic cancer research.

Lung Cancer

Tobacco Control and Awareness

Decrease tobacco use. Increase awareness of lung cancer risk factors and symptoms. Increase awareness of tobacco-dependency treatment.

Melanoma

Early Detection and Awareness

Increase early detection of melanoma and sun safe behaviors. Promote awareness of ultraviolet radiation from tanning beds and booths.

Nutrition and Physical Activity

Cancer Prevention and Survivorship

Improve diet and increase physical activity among New Jersey residents. Enhance the quality of life among cancer patients and survivors.

Oral and Oropharyngeal Cancer

Public Awareness and Access

Increase awareness of oral cancers, improve access to oral cancer screening and provide education and training to healthcare providers.

Palliation

Education

Increase awareness and access to palliative care services. Address the role of complementary and alternative medicine in palliative care.

Prostate Cancer

Public Awareness and Access

Promote a public health message regarding benefits and risks of screening and follow-up. Increase access to prostate cancer services.

Standing Committees

Advocacy

Public Policy

Promote public policies at all levels of government that support New Jersey's Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

Communications

Public Awareness and Action

Raise awareness and use of cancer prevention, early detection and treatment resources included in the New Jersey Comprehensive

Cancer Control Plan. Strengthen statewide partnerships for cancer control.

Evaluation

Evaluate Cancer Plan

Measure the progress and effectiveness of the New Jersey Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. Determine its impact on knowledge, behaviors and health outcomes.

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