

A Call to Action: What New Yorkers Can Do to Reduce the Burden of Cancer

The New York State Cancer Consortium believes that preventing and controlling cancer requires individuals and organizations of all kinds to get involved and make contributions— however small they may seem. The following activities list some of the many ways in which healthcare providers or healthcare organizations can make a difference in their communities. Use these suggested activities and pledge to take action today.



- Routinely ask patients about lifestyle factors, including alcohol and tobacco use, physical activity, diet, vaccinations, and in-home radon testing.
- Provide culturally relevant counseling, information, and referrals for cancer screening tests.
- Ensure patients are screened for cancer in accordance with the most current guidelines and implement a cancer screening reminder system.
- Adhere to guidelines and best practices for cancer prevention, treatment, and supportive care.
- Refer and encourage patients to enroll in cancer clinical trials.
- Incorporate palliative care into your practice and make referrals to hospice.
- Provide cancer patients with a written summary of their care plan.
- Submit complete cancer case reports in a timely manner to the NYS Cancer Registry.
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- Implement tobacco-free grounds and campus policies.
 - Implement office-based reminders that identify patients due for cancer prevention and screening services.
 - Sponsor patient navigation and survivorship programs.
 - Offer clinical cancer research opportunities to patients.
 - Provide ongoing resources to the entire healthcare workforce about considerations working with disparate populations.
 - Distribute culturally and linguistically appropriate cancer prevention, screening, treatment, survivorship and palliative care services information.
 - Provide meeting space for cancer support and survivorship groups.
 - Help develop and expand educational options for new and potential healthcare oncology workers.
 - Submit complete cancer case reports in a timely manner to the NYS Cancer Registry.
 - Seek or maintain accreditation through American College of Surgeons and The Joint Commission on Cancer.
 - Ensure that all New Yorkers have access to healthcare screening, early detection services, and treatment.

As healthcare provider or organization, I pledge to do the following to reduce the burden of cancer:
