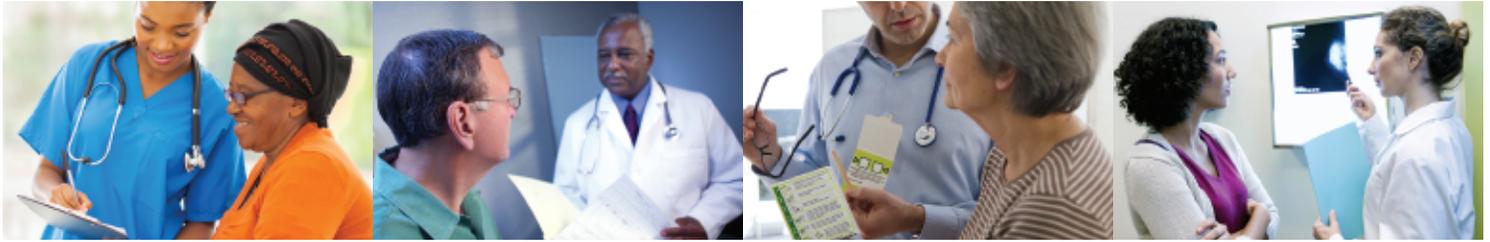


Cancer Screening Saves Lives

Learn About the Cancer Services Program



The New York State Department of Health's Cancer Services Program (CSP) provides **FREE** breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer tests to eligible women and men who do not have health insurance. Many cancer deaths could be avoided if people were screened for cancer.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in New York State

- 1 out of every 4 deaths in New York State (NYS) is due to cancer.
- Cancer results in more years of life lost than any other condition in NYS.
- Every day, approximately 300 New Yorkers are diagnosed with cancer.

Early detection makes sense

- Disease prevention in NYS returns \$7 for every \$1 spent within five years.
- Nationally, spending to treat cancer increased from over \$56 billion in 2001 (in 2011 dollars) to about \$88 billion in 2011.
- In the workplace, savings related to early detection of breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer essentially pay for the costs of these screenings.

Early detection saves lives

- Early detection of breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer can find cancer when it is most treatable – or before it starts.
- Screening has helped lower the U.S. cervical cancer death rate by more than 50% in the last 30 years.
- Across the nation, mammograms prevent 12,000 deaths each year.
- If men and women followed colorectal cancer screening guidelines, 33,000 lives would be saved each year in the U.S.

The CSP makes a difference in New York State communities

- Every year, the CSP provides cancer screening to tens of thousands of New Yorkers.
- The CSP provides a range of care that includes timely follow-up and referrals to treatment.
- The CSP works with New Yorkers who are least likely to get recommended cancer screening.
- The CSP raises awareness about the importance of early cancer detection by promoting policy change.



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