

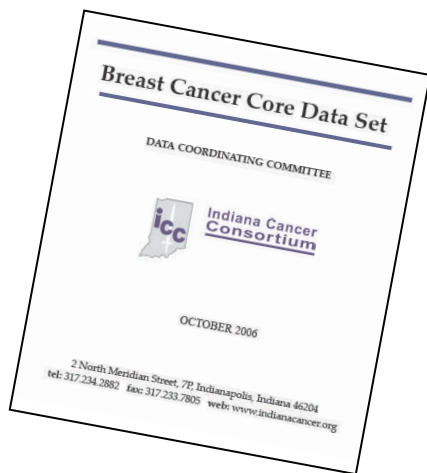
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Core Data Sets

The data committee is proud to present new data sets detailing prostate, cervical and breast cancer incidence, mortality, histology groups, and screening rates for Indiana residents. The committee is working toward achieving the goal in the *Indiana Cancer Control Plan 2005-2008* to "Increase the quantity, quality and availability of complete and timely cancer and related data."

Comprehensive, timely, and accurate cancer-related data are essential for evaluating progress toward cancer prevention and control. Staging data and incidence, mortality, and survival rates help identify populations at greater risk for developing or dying of cancer, monitor epidemiological trends, and provide information for evaluating progress toward goals. Data makes it possible for the ICC and its committees to review the current cancer burden in the state, set priorities, and assist with cancer control planning. In addition to gathering cancer data for short, intermediate, and long term evaluation of the goals and objectives of the cancer plan, specific efforts are focused on improving access to and increased usability of cancer and related data in Indiana.

Sources of data used to compile the datasets include the Indiana State Cancer Registry, the Indiana State Department of Health Epidemiology Resource Center, the Indiana Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), and the National Cancer Institute [Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results](#) (SEER) System. A complete source of references is included following the data tables along with a listing of data limitations and an interpretation of the confidence intervals. For more information, please contact us at admin@indianacancer.org



Save the Date

ICC Fall Meeting

October 17, 2007

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Focus Topics:

Disparities and Reaching the Underserved Populations

* More details will be presented as they become available.

Comprehensive Cancer Control Leadership Institute

Several members of the ICC Steering Committee, Coordinating Committee Co-Chairs, and ICC staff recently had the opportunity to attend the Comprehensive Cancer Control Leadership Institute (CCCLI) in Los Angeles, California June 5th through the 8th.

The CCCLI is a collaborative effort convened by the National Partners for Comprehensive Cancer Control, which includes the following organizations: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Cancer Society, the National Cancer Institute, C-Change, the Commission on Cancer, the Intercultural

Cancer Council, the Lance Armstrong Foundation, the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, the Chronic Disease Directors, and the National Association of County and City Health Officials. The CCCLI is intended for individuals who are actively engaged in comprehensive cancer control partnerships where states, tribes and territories are currently developing, preparing to implement or implementing comprehensive cancer control plans. The CCCLI provides the opportunity to build relationships and share information within and among states, tribes and territories.

This round of the Institute focused on six cancer control issues, including palliative care, clinical trials, colorectal cancer screening, tobacco control, cancer survivorship, and workforce development. Our ICC group developed several great strategies for our committees based on these cancer control issues.

If you'd like to learn more about these strategies, please contact us at admin@indianacancer.org.



September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Informed decision making involves sharing with men and their loved ones the current information about the benefits and risks of prostate cancer screening so that each man can make his own decision, given his own values and preferences.

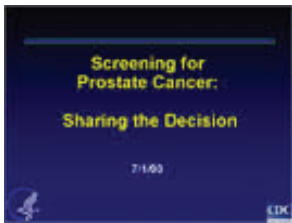
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other federal agencies follow the prostate cancer screening guidelines set forth by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), led by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). CDC supports the assessment of and follows the recommendation set forth by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

CDC has developed a portfolio of educational materials about prostate cancer screening, which are designed to promote discussion between patients and physicians and to help men aged 50 years or older make informed decisions about prostate cancer screening. These materials include

Screening for Prostate Cancer: Sharing the Decision

A slide presentation developed to provide primary care providers (i.e., physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants) with current information on prostate cancer screening and to encourage the use of shared

decision making. Also included is a Toolkit and a Bibliography for the slide presentation.



Prostate Cancer Screening: A Decision Guide

An easy-to-read booklet, organized in question and answer format, designed to help a man decide whether screening is right for him. The guide discusses the prostate, prostate cancer, and the available screening tests.



Prostate Cancer Screening: A Decision Guide for African Americans

This informed decision making guide targets African-American men. At all ages, African-American men die of prostate cancer more often than other men do. The reasons for the variation among groups are unknown, making it critical that African-American men know the facts about prostate cancer and the available screening tests.



La Detección del Cáncer de Próstata: Unia Guía para Hispanos en los Estados Unidos

This 24-page booklet, written in Spanish, provides basic information and encourages Hispanic men to decide whether screening is the right choice for them.



These materials, and more, can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dpc/library/online/prostate.htm>

Committee Co-Chairs

Advocacy: Jerry King

Breast & Cervical Cancer: Laura Morris, Jeanne Schilder

Colorectal Cancer: Mary Shields, Erin Wyatt

Data: Greg Steele, Mindy Hightower King

Lung & other Tobacco Related Cancer: Brenda Chamness

Primary Prevention: Doug Schwartzentruber

Prostate Cancer: David Caldwell

Quality of Life: Harriet O'Connor, Jane Berby-Todd

Treatment Access & Utilization: Stephen Tharp

Advocacy Round Table

It's not too early to look ahead to the 2008 Indiana General Assembly! It is anticipated that statewide smokefree air legislation will be introduced in that session. A coalition is forming to work on that issue. You are invited to participate in this effort by being part of the ICC Advocacy Committee. Please join us Tuesday August 28, at the Marion County Health Department from 3-5 p.m.

Physical Activity and the Built Environment: What Works?

Monday, September 10, 2007

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Radisson Hotel City Centre
31 West Ohio Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204



For more information go to <http://allianceforhealth.org/>

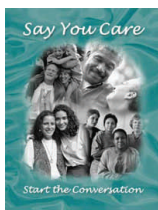
Health Education Resources Available

For copies of any of these materials,
please contact us at admin@indianacancer.org.

LIVESTRONG Survivorship Notebook: The Notebook features printed versions of the information, worksheets and stories online in a portable three-ring binder, including information about aftereffects of cancer treatment, living with uncertainty, communicating with the health care team, stories of cancer survivors talking about their experiences with cancer, 3 survivorship tools, and sections for to add personal records, notes and information from health care providers.



American Cancer Society Quick Facts on Lung Cancer, Colon Cancer, and Prostate Cancer. Each book is a comprehensive and a quick read, with highlighted cover tabs for quick reference of specific topics



Say You Care: Start the Conversation Packets. The packets are recommended for newly diagnosed patients, beginner caregivers, and families in the beginning states of end-of-life care planning.

News and Notes

- It was suggested that the Cancer Connection newsletter include a new “Survivorship Corner” If you would like to contribute your thoughts, ideas, or pieces of interest for the Survivorship Corner. Please contact us at admin@indianacancer.org.
- The ICC website has been revamped! Check out our new design at www.indianacancer.org. In the near future we plan on using the website to post upcoming events, new information, and ICC committee-related information. There are a lot of great tools now available to take a look.



ICC Member Spotlight Smokefree Indiana



From 1991 to 1999, Smokefree Indiana was known as the ASSIST or the American Stop Smoking Intervention Study project and was funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

Several organizations in Indiana, including the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, American Heart Association, Indiana State Department of Health and hospitals were offering tobacco prevention and cessation programs prior to ASSIST. ASSIST's emphasis on collaboration and developing grassroots support networks led these organizations, plus hundreds more, to work together through coalitions to implement tobacco prevention and control activities statewide.

Many, but not all ASSIST states, had existing state and local coalitions functioning prior to their ASSIST contracts. Since Indiana did not have this structure in place, starting and mobilizing grassroots coalitions were key factors in building support for Smokefree Indiana's goals and objectives. Based upon the

ASSIST model, coalition members and Smokefree Indiana staff were responsible for implementing ASSIST interventions.

Funding from the National Cancer Institute ended in September of 1999, and the ASSIST project ended in the 17 funded states. Because tobacco control has become a major public health priority since the ASSIST project began in 1991, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) allocated funds to continue support of community based tobacco control coalitions through state health departments for every state and U.S. Territory. The Indiana State Department of Health outsources those federal dollars from CDC for a tobacco control and prevention program, namely Smokefree Indiana, to Ball State University. Ball State University serves as the fiscal agent for Smokefree Indiana.

The mission of Smokefree Indiana is to improve the quality of life in Indiana by promoting tobacco-free, healthy lifestyles through community action and advocacy to prevent tobacco use, provide assistance to tobacco users who want to quit and

protecting nonsmokers from secondhand smoke.

The goals of Smokefree Indiana's comprehensive tobacco program are to reduce disease, disability and death related to tobacco use by:

- Eliminating nonsmokers' exposure to secondhand smoke;
- Preventing the initiation of tobacco use among young people;
- Promoting quitting among young people and adults;

Identifying and eliminating the disparities related to tobacco use and its effects among population groups in Indiana.

Smokefree Indiana manages the Indiana Tobacco Quitline, a FREE telephone-based quit tobacco resource available to all Hoosiers. Simply call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or 1-800-784-8669 from 8 am to midnight, seven days a week to talk to a trained Quit Coach. More information about the Indiana Tobacco Quitline can be found at www.indianaquitline.net.

- Brenda Chamness

We want to recognize your organization's cancer control efforts. Please submit your information to jentaylor@isdh.in.gov

ICC Committee and Event Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
<i>July</i>			
July 3	Advocacy Committee	Indiana Public Health Association	3:00-4:50 p.m.
July 11	Colorectal Committee	Conference Call	4:00-5:30 p.m.
July 12	Lung and other Tobacco-Related Cancers Committee	Indiana Tobacco Prevention & Cessation	9:00-11:00 a.m.
July 13	Prostate Cancer Committee	IU School of Nursing, Room 338	11:00-1:00 p.m.
July 18	Data Committee	IU Department of Public Health	2:30-4:00 p.m.
July 18	Treatment Access and Utilization Committee	IU School of Nursing, Room 338	9:00-10:30 a.m.
July 18	Steering Committee Meeting	IU School of Nursing, Room 338	11:00-1:00 p.m.
July 25	Breast & Cervical Cancer Committee	IU School of Nursing, Room 336	3:00-4:00 p.m.

August

August 7	Advocacy Committee	Indiana Public Health Association	3:00-4:50 p.m.
August 15	Data Committee	IU Department of Public Health	2:30-4:00 p.m.
August 21	Primary Prevention Committee	Conference Call	4:00-5:00 p.m.

September

September 4	Advocacy Committee	Indiana Public Health Association	3:00-4:50 p.m.
September 6	Quality of Life Committee	Conference Call	11:00-12:00 p.m.
September 12	Colorectal Cancer Committee	Conference Call	4:00-5:30 p.m.
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September 20	Prostate Cancer Committee	IU School of Nursing, Room 338	11:00-1:00 p.m.
September 26	Data Committee	IU Department of Public Health	2:30-4:00 p.m.
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