



AUGUST

AWARENESS

August is Summer Sun Safety Month



Spending time outside is a great way to be physically active and reduce stress. You can work and play outside without raising your skin cancer risk by protecting your skin from the sun.

Protection from UV rays is important all year, not just during the summer. UV rays can reach you on cloudy and cool days, and they reflect off of surfaces like water, cement, sand, and snow.

The [UV Index](#) forecasts the strength of UV rays each day. If the UV index is 3 or higher in your area, protect your skin from too much exposure to the sun.

Keeping Pennsylvanians Safe from the Sun:

[DCNR Announces Expansion of Program Supplying Free Sunscreen at State Parks Throughout Pennsylvania Ahead of National Sunscreen Day](#)

For more information and shareable resources on staying safe in the sun:

[Sun Safety Facts](#) | [Skin Cancer](#) | [CDC](#)

[CDC - Skin Cancer Buttons and Badges \(iib.me\)](#) Shareable Graphics

[Be Safe in the Sun](#) | [Sun and UV Exposure](#) | [American Cancer Society](#)

[Sun Safety Videos](#) | [Skin Self Check Video](#) | [Sunscreen Video](#) | [American Cancer Society](#)

[Sun Safety Quiz](#) | [Staying Safe in the Sun](#) | [American Cancer Society](#)



August is National Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Together, we can help raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and encourage people to talk to a healthcare provider they trust about staying up to date on their vaccinations.



**National Immunization
Awareness Month**

HPV Information for Pennsylvania- excerpt from 2023-2033 PA State Cancer Plan

“HPV vaccination could prevent more than 90% of cancers caused by HPV from ever developing, yet the up-to-date HPV vaccination rate is only 48.8% for adolescents aged 13- 17 living in rural communities compared to 63.8% in adolescents living in a principal city in PA. But the rate for one or more doses of the meningitis vaccine is greater than 90% for all adolescents in PA regardless of urbanicity.⁶ The data indicates that adolescents are getting some of the recommended vaccines but not all. This strategy needs to focus on provider and parent education rather than access.” [PA State Cancer Control Plan 2023-2033](#)

For the 2022 Pennsylvania Teen Vaccine Rates:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/teenvaxview/data-reports/index.html>

Resources for increasing HPV Vaccination and addressing Vaccine Hesitancy:

Resources (pacancercoalition.org)

CDC Communication and Print Resources [Communication and Print Resources | CDC](#)

CDC Immunization Resources for Healthcare Providers, Parents, and Patients [National Immunization Awareness Month \(NIAM\) | CDC](#)

[Parent Concerns About HPV Vaccine Safety Increasing - NCI \(cancer.gov\)](#)


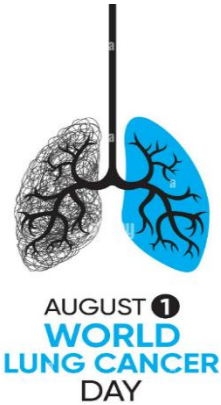
[Vaccine Hesitancy | American Medical Association \(ama-assn.org\)](#)

Why the HPV Vaccine is Crucial

HPV VACCINE = CANCER PREVENTION

HPV CAN REMAIN IN THE BODY FOR DECADES, LEADING TO THE FORMATION OF VARIOUS CANCERS

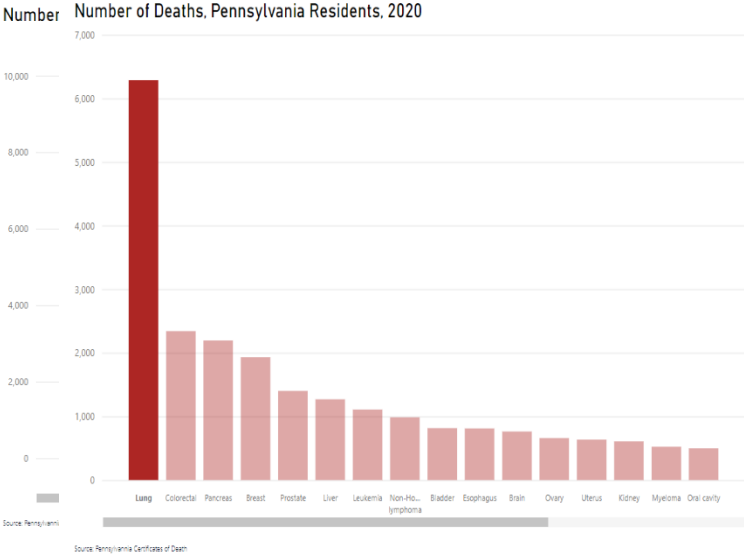
GETTING YOUR VACCINE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF HPV-RELATED CANCERS.

[Lung cancer remains the #2 most diagnosed cancer for Pennsylvania men and women and the #1 cancer killer.](#)

Click here for most up to date PA cancer data:
[Cancer Statistics](#)

Pennsylvania Lung Cancer Incidence and Mortality, 2020



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have a 20-pack-year or more smoking history, without any [symptoms of lung cancer](#). People should not be screened if they have serious health problems that will likely limit how long they will live, or if they won't be able to or won't want to get treatment if lung cancer is found.

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Link for current CMS Lung Cancer Screening Eligibility: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncacal-decision-memo.aspx?proposed=N&ncaid=304>

TRAINING, EDUCATION, & RESOURCES



Clinical Trials

- [Leading Change in Cancer Clinical Research, Because Our Patients Can't Wait](#): NCI Director Dr. W. Kimryn Rathmell and NCI Special Advisor Dr. Shaalan Beg explain how reshaping the cancer clinical trials infrastructure to overcome key bottlenecks will involve embracing technology and collaboration and inviting innovation.
- [Cancer Currents Blog: Clinical Trials Results](#): NCI's blog for cancer research news, *Cancer Currents*, reports on findings from cancer clinical trials, with commentary from leading researchers on how the trial results will affect patient care.
- [CCR Clinical Trials for Patients](#): NCI's Center for Cancer Research (CCR) physicians develop and conduct a wide range of clinical trials to develop new medicines and treatments for patients with cancer, HIV or immune disorders. Learn more about CCR clinical trials on their clinical trials patient information page.
- [Find NCI-Supported Clinical Trials](#): Use our search form to find a clinical trial or other research study that may be right for you or a loved one.

Minority Health

- African American men have disproportionately higher prostate cancer rates, with an earlier age of onset, and twice the prostate cancer mortality than other racial groups. This story highlights a multi-state effort lead by University of Southern California researchers who recruited the largest cohort to date of African American men participating in prostate cancer

research. Learn how the team came together, built bridges, and persevered through trying times. [RESPOND Study Completes Successful Recruitment Phase \(nih.gov\)](#)

- When Latino adults experience food insecurity, they are three times more likely to have type 2 diabetes than people who are food secure. To determine if neighborhood cohesion could influence this relationship, researchers looked to the 2013-2018 National Health Interview Survey. They analyzed the type 2 diabetes, food security, and neighborhood cohesion data from 23,478 Latino survey respondents ages 18 years or older. [Food Insecurity and Type 2 Diabetes Among Latinos \(nih.gov\)](#)

Patient Navigation

- [July 2024 Newsletter - National Navigation Roundtable](#)
- Effective January 1, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Health Equity Services in the 2024 Physician Fee Schedule for Principal Illness Navigation (PIN) which includes reimbursement for Patient Navigation services. The National Association of Community Health Centers released guidance for PIN Reimbursement TIPS for Federally Qualified Health Centers. [PIN-Reimbursement-Tips \(002\)](#)
- [CMS Finalizes Physician Payment Rule that Advances Health Equity | CMS](#)

Survivorship

- Cancer Information Highlights from the National Cancer Institute: [Nausea & Vomiting | Small Cell Lung Cancer | Food Safety Video, 07/02/2024 \(govdelivery.com\)](#)
- A program in Texas helped minority and medically underserved cancer survivors get much more physical activity, according to a new study. Participants also reported improved physical functioning and quality of life: [Program Improves Physical Activity in Cancer Survivors - NCI](#)



The GW Cancer Center Online Academy offers one-hour courses.

[Survivorship Care Coordination*](#)

[Survivorship Care and the Role of Primary Care Providers*](#)

[Managing Comorbidities and Coordinating with Specialty Providers*](#)

[Psychosocial Needs of Cancer Survivors**](#)

[Empowering Cancer Survivors to Live Well**](#)

[Cancer Recovery and Rehabilitation**](#)

[Sexual Health and Cancer Survivorship***](#)

*This course provides 1 CHES/MCHES credit and AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]

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Special Topics in Training: Coordinating with Primary Care

Primary care providers play a critical role in providing follow-up care for cancer survivors, including dealing with many of the physical, psychological, practical, informational and spiritual challenges after the completion of cancer treatment.

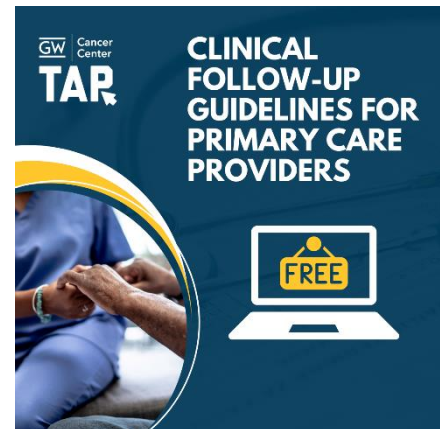
Online Training: Clinical Follow-Up Care Guidelines for Primary Care Providers:

[Prostate Cancer Survivorship Care](#)

[Colorectal Cancer Survivorship Care](#)

[Breast Cancer Survivorship Care](#)

[Head and Neck Survivorship Care](#)



Help Patients with Self-Advocacy

This “**I Want You to Know**” printable card available in English, Spanish and Chinese can help patients begin a conversation with their provider about their identity and care preferences.

[View this Resource](#)



RURAL HEALTH RESOURCES BY STATE: PENNSYLVANIA

- [Rural Health Resources by State: Pennsylvania - Rural Health Information Hub](#)

FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITIES

- [Highmark Foundation Grants](#)
Grants for projects in West Virginia and Western and Central Pennsylvania in the areas of chronic disease, family health, and service delivery systems.
Geographic coverage: West Virginia and Western and Central Pennsylvania
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
Sponsor: Highmark Foundation

MODELS AND INNOVATIONS

- [The Pennsylvania Medications for Opioid Use Disorder \(PA MOUD\) Technical Assistance and Quality Improvement Expansion Project](#)
The PA MOUD Expansion Project provides technical assistance aimed at improving MOUD treatment capacity and quality at healthcare sites across urban and rural Pennsylvania.



SAVE THE DATE

2024 TOBACCO-FREE RECOVERY IS RECOVERY

4TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 9, 2024

12:30-4 PM

[4th Annual PA Tobacco-Free Recovery is Recovery Statewide Conference Tickets, Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 12:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

COALITION NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PCC CALL TO ACTION!

Casey Monroe will be stepping down from her position as a PCC Co-Chair. We want to thank Casey and *all* our co-chairs for the work they do to support and maintain the PCC!!

We are currently seeking a coalition member to step in to that co-chair position. In addition to running the quarterly meetings, the PCC co-chairs typically meet quarterly to set the meeting agenda's and address other coalition business.

Please contact Jennifer King at jennifekin@pa.gov for more information.

REMINDERS

- Please send workgroup minutes and updated action plans to RA-DHCAB_PCC@pa.gov to be uploaded to PCC website.
- Visit [Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition — PA Cancer Control Plan, Resources, Research, Membership \(pacancercoalition.org\)](http://pacancercoalition.org) to view the 2023-2033 PA State Cancer Control Plan, update membership profile, or to access other important coalition information.
- The New Member Guide has been uploaded to the PCC website, you can view it here: [Pennsylvania Cancer Coalition - Member Welcome Guide \(pacancercoalition.org\)](http://pacancercoalition.org)
- If you couldn't attend the PCC June 2024 Quarterly meeting, you can view it here: [PCC Quarterly Meeting 20240620 090358 Meeting Recording \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=090358)

