

Welcome to the first CATalog of 2017!

Spotlight on: Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month and there are some great resources out with shareable information. Check out the CDC's [Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts about Gynecologic Cancer campaign](#) and the GW Cancer Institute's [January 2016 Cervical Cancer Awareness Social Media Toolkit](#).

Texas Cancer News

MD Anderson Joins Collaboration To Develop Cancer Therapies

Houston Chronicle – 01/09/2017

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has entered a three-year partnership with a healthcare business to speed up development of therapies for different cancers. Germany-based Merck's business arm, EMD Serono, Inc., will utilize MD Anderson's APOLLO patient medical history and tissue sample data for targeted research and clinical trials on types of tumors in breast and colorectal cancers, glioblastoma and leukemia, according to a company statement. Read more [here](#).

National Cancer News

U.S. Cancer Death Rates Continue to Fall

HealthDay News – 01/05/2017

A new report from *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians* reveals that cancer death rates in the United States have dropped 25 percent since the early

1990s. Lead researcher, Rebecca Siegel, said "The drop in cancer mortality is primarily the result of large declines in the four major causes of cancer death -- lung, colorectal, breast and prostate -- which account for almost half of all cancer deaths." Read more [here](#).

New Sensor Integrates Inflammatory Bowel Disease Detection Into Colonoscopy Procedure

ScienceDaily - January 4, 2017

The Optical Society's journal *Biomedical Optics Express*, has developed the first sensor capable of objectively identifying inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and distinguishing between its two subtypes. The device represents a substantial achievement toward a more personalized approach to diagnosing and treating IBD, a chronic inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract affecting more than 1 million Americans. Read the news release [here](#).

Studies and Findings

New Guidelines on HPV Vaccination

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended a change in the dosing schedule for HPV vaccine, according to a December 16, 2016 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* [article](#). HPV vaccination can prevent many types of HPV that cause cervical cancer, as well as other cancers in men and women. For males and females vaccinating before their 15th birthday, ACIP recommends 2 doses of vaccine. Those ages 15 and above should have three doses of vaccine.

Colorectal Cancer CME Updated

The continuing medical education activity offered by CDC, called "[Screening for Colorectal Cancer: Optimizing Quality](#)" now contains updates to reflect the newly released U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) screening recommendations for colorectal cancer. The USPSTF recommends screening beginning at 50 years and continuing until age 75. It emphasizes that the decision to screen for colorectal cancer past age 75 should be an individual one between doctors and patients.

Training and Educational Opportunities

Webinar: Using the HPV Vaccination Partner Toolkit.

Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 2:00PM CST

Jill Roark of the Adolescent Immunization Communications team will be walking through the HPV Vaccination Partner Toolkit, highlighting the resources and information available for HPV cancer prevention partners and programs. Register [here](#):

2017 CDC National Cancer Conference.

August 14–16, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia

The 2017 CDC National Cancer Conference will take place on August 14–16, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia in Atlanta, Georgia. This two-day conference will draw national attendance, creating an excellent opportunity for you to meet with cancer control partners from around the country, share the views of your organization, and create an opportunity for networking, collaborating, and building relationships.

Click [here](#) for more information on the conference, registration and a call for abstracts.

Corporate Wellness Opportunity

Million Mile Month™ is a FREE, simple, and fun way to get your employees or members physically active. It challenges individuals and groups to join together as a global community to complete one million miles of physical activity during the month of April, and to engage in a huge cause: their health. For more info: <https://millionmilemonth.org/wellness>

Thank you for reading!

Don't forget to email [Alyssa Rubin](#) if you have any news, trainings, or funding opportunities you would like to include in the next CATalog.