

The agenda and parking pass for the **February 23, 2017 CAT Quarterly Meeting** went out last week. Come mingle with your fellow CAT members, share ideas, and listen to exciting guest speakers. The meeting will be from 9:00am – 12:30pm at [The UT Commons Learning Center](#).

Email Alyssa.Rubin@dshs.state.tx.us for more information.

Spotlight on: **Change is in the Air: Taking Initiative towards a Tobacco-Free Texas - Webinar TODAY (Feb 7) at 2pm!**

In 2015, approximately 264 billion cigarettes were sold in the U.S. and adults with mental illnesses smoked almost a third of them. Join the webinar to learn more about this missed opportunity for Texas' behavioral health centers to proactively address tobacco and [Taking Texas Tobacco Free \(TTTF\)](#). Click [here](#) to register.

Cancer News

Only Half of Americans Know That Obesity is the Biggest Cancer Risk Factor
AICR eNews - 02/02/2017

The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) found that too few Americans realize that obesity, alcohol, and inactivity boost risk for disease. Read more [here](#). AICR has some great [infographics](#) for Cancer Prevention Awareness Month, which is February.

Heart Risks may Boost Women's Colon Cancer Risk, too
HealthDay News - 02/01/2017

A new study from Indiana University Bloomington's School of Public Health suggests that even normal-weight women may be at greater risk for colon cancer if they have certain traits, such as elevated levels of blood fat, high blood sugar, high blood pressure and low levels of good cholesterol. Read more [here](#).

Is There a Link Between Diabetes and Pancreatic Cancer?

HealthDay News - 01/31/2017

New research presented last week at the European Cancer Congress (ECC) suggests that developing or worsening type 2 diabetes could be an early sign of pancreatic cancer. An analysis of nearly a million patients revealed half of all pancreatic cancer cases were diagnosed within a year of patients being diagnosed with diabetes. Read more [here](#).

Surviving HPV-Related Tonsil Cancer Twice

Cancerwise - 01/27/2017

As a two-time tonsil cancer survivor, Michael Terry finds comfort in knowing that vaccination can now prevent HPV-related cancers like his for future generations. Read why he encourages parents to get their kids the HPV vaccine. Read more [here](#).

Study Tightens Connection between Intestinal Microorganisms, Diet, and Colorectal Cancer

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute News Release - 01/26/2017

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital report some of the strongest evidence to date that microorganisms living in the large intestine can serve as a link between diet and certain types of colorectal cancer. After tracking the diets of more than 137,000 people for decades they found that people who ate a diet high in whole grains and fiber had a lower risk of colon cancer containing *F. nucleatum*, but not for colon cancer without this type of bacteria. Read more [here](#).

Is Chemo Overused in Younger Colon Cancer Patients?

HealthDay News - 01/25/2017

Young and middle-aged colon cancer patients may be getting chemotherapy more often than is warranted. A study from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center found the treatment often wasn't beneficial, but more research is needed. Read more [here](#).

Report on Shifts in Types of Tobacco Products Purchased in US

National Cancer Institute - 01/23/2017

The use of cigarettes, small cigars, and chewing tobacco has decreased over the past 15 years, but the use of large cigars, pipe tobacco, and snuff has increased. Cigarettes remain the most commonly consumed tobacco product by far. Click [here](#) to read more about the changing landscape and public health impact.

Training and Educational Opportunities

Webinar – Asian American Communications Companion Guide on Colorectal Cancer Screening

Thurs Feb 9, 11:00 AM – 12:00pm CST

Release of new assets for 80% by 2018 communications work, including new Asian American Subpopulations Companion Guide, advice on earning earned media, advice on engaging celebrities, and tips for evaluating your communications efforts. Click [here](#) to register.

Webinar on Healthy Literacy: Plain Language Makes Plain

Wed Feb 15, 1:00 PM – 2:00pm CST

This is the first of a three-part series from the Literacy Coalition of Central Texas. This series will teach skills to improve the health literacy of low-literate adults, expands community members' ability to access and navigate appropriate health services, and enhance communication skills of healthcare professionals to better serve their patients. Click [here](#) to register.

Funding Opportunities

Cancer Immune Monitoring and Analysis Centers (CIMACs)

This National Cancer Institute (NCI) funding opportunity announcement solicits applications for multidisciplinary CIMACs that will serve as the main units of the Network for correlative studies in clinical trials involving immunotherapy. Budget limit is \$1.4M. Applications are due March 17, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

Cancer Immunologic Data Commons (CIDC)

This National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding opportunity announcement is to solicit applications for establishment of a CIDC to provide bioinformatics support as part of a Network for correlative studies in clinical trials involving cancer immunotherapy. Budget limit is \$650K. Applications are due March 17, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

Resources

Policies and Practices for Cancer Prevention and Survivorship: Physical Activity

A new resource from the CDC's Comprehensive Cancer Control Branch with information and best practices addressing the role of physical activity in cancer prevention and survivorship. Click [here](#) to download your own copy.

Immunization Educational and Promotional Resources for Partners

Educational resources and promotional materials from the CDC will help supplement vaccine conversations and outreach with parents, pregnant women, and adults, as well as healthcare professionals. Click [here](#) to view.

El Proyecto de Salud Colrectal, The Colorectal Health Project

A research-tested intervention program from NCI designed to promote colorectal cancer screening among adults. Intervention materials, available in English and Spanish, include FOBT instruction card, FOBT training handbook, colorectal display flipchart, and a letter mailed to households. Click [here](#) for more info.

Taking Part in Cancer Treatment Research Studies

This NIH patient education publication has recently been updated. It explains what clinical trials are, why they are important, and how the rights and safety of those who take part are protected. Click [here](#) for more info.

Death Announcement

Dr. Charles "Mickey" LeMaistre, former MD Anderson president, dead at 92

A note from CAT member Joel Dunningham: *Mickey was my first President at MD Anderson Cancer Center. He also started one of the first Prevention Departments in the country. He was the last living member of the Surgeon General Committee that wrote the first report on tobacco in 1964. He was always a strong supporter of my tobacco activities.* Click [here](#) to read more about Dr. LeMaistre.

Thanks for reading, and please email [Alyssa Rubin](#) if you have any news, trainings, or funding opportunities you would like included in the next CATalog.