
Welcome to the March 21st edition of the CATalog.

Spotlight on: 2017 CAT Member & Partner Survey

The CAT member & partner survey went out last week, and it closes on 3/31. Thank you to those who have participated! We appreciate your feedback, so please take a few minutes to complete the survey. If you have any questions or need the link re-sent, email Alyssa.Rubin@dshs.texas.gov.

Cancer News

New alternative to colonoscopy is as easy as swallowing a pill

Science Daily - 03/15/2017

Patients at Loyola Health in Chicago can ingest a capsule containing two miniature cameras on either end. As the capsule travels through the digestive tract, it captures images and wirelessly transmits them to a recorder the patient wears on a belt. Read more [here](#).

Lifestyle choices affect colon and rectal cancer risk more than genetics

Medical News Today - 03/09/2017

Researchers at Bellvitge Biomedical Research Institute have combined genetic and lifestyle information and issued the first predictive risk model of colon and rectal cancer. It shows the importance of improving lifestyle to reduce risk and suggests a combination of lifestyle and genetic information to fine tune screening methods. Read more [here](#).

Cancer-causing benzene found in e-cigarette vapors operated at high power

Medical Xpress - 03/08/2017

Portland State University scientists have found that significant levels of cancer-causing benzene in e-cigarette vapors can form when the devices are operated at high power. Read more [here](#).

Known cancer prevention strategies must be implemented

Medscape Medical News – 03/08/2017

The US cancer burden could be reduced right now if known cancer prevention strategies were implemented, according to public health experts at the Institute for Public Health at Washington University. Read more [here](#).

Soy safe, even protective, for breast cancer survivors

Health Day News - 03/07/2017

Tufts University study of 6,200 women finds soy linked to lower risk of death after nearly a decade of follow-up. Read more [here](#).

Texas Cancer News

UT System takes lead in becoming tobacco free

UT System Press Release – 03/07/2017

All 14 institutions of The University of Texas System will be tobacco free by the end of this academic year, making it the first public university system in Texas to become fully tobacco free. It will also become the largest single employer in Texas to prohibit tobacco use in the workplace. Read more [here](#).

Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) and Sunset

LINCC Newsletter – March 2017

CPRIT's current sunset date is set to 2021, but bills have been introduced in the Texas House ([HB 84](#)) and Senate ([SB 224](#)) to extend to 2023. HB 84 was referred to the [Public Health Committee](#) on 2/13/17, and SB 224 was referred to the [Health and Human Services Committee](#) on 1/25/17. Those who want to comment on extending CPRIT to 2023, may contact their [state representatives](#) or members of the committees considering the bills.

Trainings, Events, and Educational Opportunities

Webinar: CRC Screening Best Practices Handbook for Health Plans

March 28, 2017 - 11:00am – 12:00 pm

This webinar will introduce new NCCRT Colorectal Cancer Screening Best Practices Handbook for Health Plans, and provide participants with a guided tour of the best practices, case studies, and templates and tools found within the handbook. Click [here](#) to register.

Event: Lymphoma/Myeloma Update for Patients: What's New for 2017?

April 1, 2017 - Omni Houston Westside, Houston, TX

Research has led to many new treatments for patients with Hodgkin disease, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, or multiple myeloma. This meeting features blood cancer experts who will share the latest research advances, what it means for patients, and options available for patients at different stages in their cancer treatment. Click [here](#) for more info or to register.

Event: UT System Eliminate Tobacco Use Summit

April 17-18, 2017 - AT&T Conference Center, Austin, TX

This will be the second annual conference on campus needs regarding tobacco control policies, public educational programs (including prevention), and cessation services. Goal of this conference include identifying best practice and sharing resources. Click [here](#) for more information.

Webinar: Improving LGBT Patient Provider Relationships

April 20, 2017 - 11:30am-12:30 pm

From the Pennsylvania Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (PA-CCCP). LGBT populations are uncomfortable seeking medical screenings and services due to fear of discrimination and yet they have high tobacco usage and are at greater risk for various chronic diseases. Click [here](#) to register.

Resources

Sharing What Works: Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition Membership and Leadership

Ask the Expert summary available. This interactive session discussed the structures, organizations and compositions that work when it comes to creating efficient and effective coalitions. Click [here](#) for summary notes or [here](#) for session slides.

Final Report: One year impact of Eliminate Tobacco Use initiative

This report summarizes the accomplishments of the Eliminate Tobacco Use Initiative in the first year of operation. Click [here](#) to read the full report.

Updated: National Cancer Institute Websites

NCI periodically provides updates on websites and other online content of interest to the cancer community. Click [here](#) for new or updated resources.

New CAHPS® Cancer Care Survey Assesses Patient Experience in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings

The Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) survey gives providers a new tool for understanding and improving their patients' experiences with cancer treatment in outpatient and inpatient settings. Click [here](#) to access the survey.

Funding Opportunities

The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) 2017 Challenge Awards RFA

Deadline: April 24, 2017

For investigations of metastatic, lethal prostate cancer. These awards will be funded depending on the level of innovation in applications received. High risk, currently unfunded projects are most desired. Click [here](#) for more information.

CPRIT's grant application system is now open for academic research grants

Click on the following links for more information on each of the five grants.

- [Individual Investigator Research Awards](#)
 - [Individual Investigator Research Awards for Cancer in Children and Adolescents](#)
 - [Individual Investigator Research Awards for Computational Biology](#)
 - [Individual Investigator Research Awards for Prevention and Early Detection](#)
 - [Individual Investigator Research Awards for Clinical Translation](#)
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Inspiration

Stories of Latino Community Health Workers (CHWs)

Salud Today - 03/08/2017

We discussed the importance of CHWs at our last CAT Quarterly Meeting. Click [here](#) to learn more about some of these individuals and the work that they do.

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.