

Welcome to the April 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the CATalog.

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**Spotlight on:** [GW Cancer Center's Online Academy](#)

Check out the GW Cancer Center's online academy. Free courses include Communication Training for Comprehensive Cancer Control Professionals; Oncology Patient Navigator Training: The Fundamentals; and Executive Training on Navigation and Survivorship. Click [here](#) for more information.

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**Cancer News**

[Black Americans' Cancer Rates Differ by Birthplace](#)

*HealthDay News - 04/13/2017*

A new study from the American Cancer Society shows that cancer rates differ between African- and U.S.-born black Americans. For example, blacks born in sub-Saharan Africa had much higher rates of infection-related cancers (liver, stomach, Kaposi sarcoma) but the lung cancer rate for African-born black men was 30 times lower than for U.S.-born blacks. Read more [here](#).

[Four in 10 U.S. Adults under 60 Carry HPV, but the Vaccine is Helping](#)

*HealthDay News - 04/06/2017*

The CDC reported that nearly half of American men and women under 60 are infected with HPV, putting them at risk for certain cancers. However, the HPV vaccine has the potential to reverse the epidemic and prevent thousands of cancers in the United States each year. Read more [here](#).

[Many Disabled Adults Aren't Screened for Colon Cancer](#)

*HealthDay News - 04/05/2017*

American adults with disabilities have lower colon cancer screening rates than other adults. University of Missouri's research indicates that about 48% of the general population reported having routine screenings, compared to 34% of those with intellectual disabilities; 44% of those with spinal cord injuries, and 46% of people with blindness or limited sight. Read more [here](#).

### **Prolonged Antibiotic Use Tied to Precancerous Colon Growths**

*HealthDay News - 04/04/2017*

Taking antibiotics for an extended period in early to middle adulthood might increase risk for precancerous growths in your colon later. They can alter gut bacteria and lead to polyp development, which can lead to colon cancer, according to a large study from Harvard Medical School. Read more [here](#).

### **As Weight Goes Up, So Does Death Risk**

*HealthDay News - 04/03/2017*

Adults who become overweight or obese have a higher risk of dying from heart disease, cancer or other illnesses. Research from Boston University School of Public Health concluded that morbidly obese people were 50 percent more likely to die from cancer compared with normal-weight folks. Read more [here](#).

### **Most Americans Favor Larger Health Warnings on Cigarette Packs**

*HealthDay News - 03/31/2017*

Warnings about the dangers of tobacco use cover roughly 10 percent of the package label. Researchers at the University of North Carolina's Comprehensive Cancer Center found that both smokers and nonsmokers think they should cover as much as 75 percent. Read more [here](#).

### **Survival Improves for Most Cancers, but Racial Disparities Remain**

*HealthDay News - 03/31/2017*

Overall cancer death rates in the United States fell between 2010 and 2014 for 11 of the 16 most common cancers in men and for 13 of the most common types in women. However, racial disparities for many common cancers have persisted, and they may have increased for prostate cancer and female breast cancer. Read more [here](#).

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## **Trainings, Events, and Educational Opportunities**

### **Webinar: Increasing Health Equity: How Three States Are Addressing the Social Determinants of Health**

Tuesday April 25, 1:00-2:00pm

This webinar will identify five social determinants that affect health, three innovative practices that address health inequities outside of the typical healthcare setting, and explore resources that can be used to champion health equity efforts. Register [here](#).

## Free Training Modules: Evidence-Based Public Health

Participate online anytime

The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington has revised and updated its Evidence-Based Public Health series, a nine-part course on incorporating evidence into public health practice. Click [here](#) for more info.

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## Resources

**CORIDOR:** Collection of Online Resources & Inventory Database from the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Use CORIDOR to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of state and national chronic disease prevention and health promotion initiatives.

**Springboard Beyond Cancer:** This is a website developed by the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society for people who are suffering from cancer. This web tool reflects their shared mission of getting health information, skills, and support to the people whose lives are affected by cancer.

**Supplement on Colorectal Cancer Screening:** *Costs in Evaluation and Program Planning*. The series of articles looked at costs of creating and implementing a colorectal cancer screening program. Click [here](#) to view, or click [here](#) to listen to Dr. Tangka describe the articles in a podcast.

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## Funding Opportunities

**The National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)**  
Funding available to establish NIMHD Centers of Excellence in eligible institutions of higher education to advance the science of minority health and health disparities by conducting transdisciplinary, multi-level research in a defined thematic area. Budget: \$500,000 per year. Applications due 05/15/2017. Click [here](#) for more info.

### Integration and Validation of Emerging Technologies to Accelerate Cancer Research

Applications must be focused on one of four specific areas and must be based on comprehensive preliminary data substantiating the potential of the proposed technologies/tools/capabilities and the functionality their contributing components. Small businesses and higher education institutions

are eligible. Budget: \$325,000 per year. Applications due 05/10/2017. Click [here](#) for more info.

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## **Reminder**

The next **CAT Quarterly Meeting** will be on Thursday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please save the date. More information coming soon.

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**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.