

Welcome to the June 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the CATalog.

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**Spotlight on:** [CPRIT Opens Request for Applications for Academic Research](#)

CPRIT's grant application system is now open for three RFAs: 1) Recruitment of First-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty Members; 2) Recruitment of Rising Stars; and 3) Recruitment of Established Investigators. Click [here](#) for complete RFAs and instructions detailing applicable deadlines and requirements.

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**Cancer News**

[Big Gap in Cancer Deaths Between Rich, Poor Countries](#)

*HealthDay News - 06/21/2017*

Death rates linked to cancer and heart disease have declined in most developed nations, but according to researchers from the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the number of people dying from cancer has either remained unchanged or continues to rise in poorer countries. Read more [here](#).

[Many Doctors Silent on Cost of Cancer Care](#)

*MedicineNet - 06/21/2017*

Cancer doctors are often mute when a patient asks about the cost of treatment, a new study from the Mayo Clinic shows. Such questions are critically important because cancer patients are three times more likely to declare bankruptcy than people with other chronic ailments, and tight finances often lead patients to skip doses of medicine or drop out of treatment altogether. Read more [here](#).

[Secondhand Smoke Still Plagues Some Cancer Survivors](#)

*MedicineNet - 06/21/2017*

A new review of federal data on nearly 700 nonsmoking adult cancer survivors found 15.7 percent reported exposure to secondhand smoke in

2011-2012, down from nearly 40 percent in 1999-2000. However, exposure rates were higher among those with a history of smoking-related cancer and those living below the federal poverty level. Read more [here](#).

### Childhood Chemo May Have Lasting Effects on Memory

*HealthDay News - 06/20/2017*

Childhood cancer survivors who had chemotherapy may have certain types of thinking and memory problems as young adults, a small study from the University of Leuven, Belgium, suggests. Compared to the control group, the cancer survivors had poorer thinking flexibility and short-term memory. Read more [here](#).

### When Is Risk Highest for Women with Breast Cancer Gene Mutations?

*HealthDay News - 06/20/2017*

Knowing when gene-based cancer risks peak in a woman's life will help decide when to take drastic steps such as removing a breast or the ovaries to prevent cancer, reported a study from the University of Cambridge's Department of Public Health and Primary Care. Breast cancer risk peaks around the 40s for BRCA1 mutation carriers and around the 50s for BRCA2 carriers. Read more [here](#).

### 'Couch Potatoes' May Face Higher Risk of Kidney, Bladder Cancers

*HealthDay News - 06/15/2017*

Lifetime recreational inactivity was associated with a 73 percent increased risk of bladder cancer and a 77 percent increased risk of kidney cancer, reports Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Read more [here](#).

### Teenagers' tobacco use hits a record low, with a sharp drop in e-cigarettes

*The Washington Post - 06/15/2017*

Eight percent of high-schoolers smoked cigarettes last year, while a little over 20 percent reported using "any tobacco product." In 2000, almost 30 percent of young people smoked cigarettes. Read more [here](#).

### Report looks at liver cancer, fastest-growing cause of cancer deaths in US

*MedicalNews Today - 06/12/2017*

Liver cancer death rates have doubled in the United States since the mid-1980s, the fastest rise of any cancer in the U.S. A new report from the

American Cancer Society identifies substantial disparity in liver cancer death rates by race/ethnicity, as well as disparities by state. Read more [here](#).

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

**Webinar: National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable - Links of Care Update**  
Thursday, June 27, 12:00 pm

The Links of Care pilots seek to improve colorectal cancer screening and follow up care for uninsured and underinsured patients by strengthening relationships between community health centers and the surrounding medical neighborhood. Speakers will provide a brief overview of their specific pilot site, while also discussing implementation, workflows, and lessons learned. Register [here](#).

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## **Resources**

**New Health Disparities Data Widget**

The widget provides an easy way to find health disparities data related to the Healthy People 2020 objectives for the Leading Health Indicators in charts and graphs. You can embed the widget on your site and the content will update automatically. Click [here](#) to check it out.

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## **Funding Opportunities**

**The Health Impact Project**

The Health Impact Project, through Pew Charitable Trusts and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, offers funding to communities and organizations seeking to promote the consideration of health in policy and decision-making. Tax-exempt organizations, including educational institutions, are eligible for up to \$100,000 per two year grant. Applications are due 9/15/17. Click [here](#) for more info.

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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.