

Welcome to the October 3rd edition of the CATalog.

Spotlight on: Disparities in Clinical Trials

Blacks, Elderly Missing from U.S. Cancer Clinical Trials
Health Day News - 09/25/2017

Four out of five participants in cancer clinical trials are white, a discrepancy that calls into question whether other races and ethnicities are receiving good cancer treatment, researchers from the Mayo Clinic say. Women and the elderly are also underrepresented in clinical trials. Read more [here](#).

Cancer News

Low-Tech Outreach Methods Improve Colorectal Cancer Screening
NIH Cancer Currents Blog - 09/26/2017

Proactive, low-tech outreach approaches, such as mailed invitation letters and free testing kits, can help increase the number of people who get screened for colorectal cancer. Read more about the clinical trial from University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) Medical Center [here](#).

Cancer Patients May Have Undiagnosed Depression
HealthDay News - 09/25/2017

Researchers from University Hospital Cancer Center, in Newark, N.J. found depression in 40 percent of patients, and 3 out of 4 of those patients were never diagnosed or treated. Read more [here](#).

Survey: 9 of 10 Americans Take Cancer Prevention Steps
HealthDay News - 09/22/2017

About 95 percent of Americans take some action to prevent cancer, according to a new survey from the Mayo Clinic, regarding smoking, alcohol, diet, and awareness of family's cancer history. Women are far more likely than men to take preventive steps. Read more [here](#).

Inflammatory Bowel Disease May Raise Cancer Risk in Kids

HealthDay New - 09/21/2017

Children with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) face an increased risk of cancer, a new study from Karolinska Institute in Stockholm claims. The risk persists into adulthood, and is especially elevated for gastrointestinal cancers. Read more [here](#).

Higher Cigarette Taxes May Mean Fewer Infant Deaths

HealthDay News - 09/18/2017

A new study from Imperial College London finds that when the price of cigarettes rises, infant deaths decline. For each \$1.18 U.S. (1 Euro) per-pack increase in the median cigarette price, there were 0.23 fewer deaths per 1,000 live births in the same year. Read more [here](#).

New Guideline Aims to Help Doctors Diagnose Head, Neck Masses

HealthDay News - 09/12/2017

According to the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, HPV related head and neck cancer is a growing problem. The new guideline is an instrument for early diagnosis and treatment of neck masses. Read more [here](#).

Trainings, Events, and Educational Opportunities

Webinar: "New Opportunities: Smokefree Multi-Unit Housing and Tobacco Cessation Policy."

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – 2:00pm – 3:30pm CST

Join The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and the American Lung Association for a webinar exploring the intersection of smokefree multi-unit housing and tobacco cessation policies. The webinar will discuss the smokefree HUD and connecting residents to tobacco resources. Click [here](#) to register.

Training: Action for Policy, Systems and Environmental (PSE) Change

Online – Participate anytime

This free training explores PSE change, from its evidence base to a full-length case study. This free training will provide information on the 7-step PSE change process, an action plan template, real world examples, and an extensive resource list. Click [here](#) for more information on this training and other free trainings in the series.

Resources

Report Highlights: NCI Annual Plan and Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2019

This plan features stories of researchers, patients, and survivors that show how NCI's investments in research can improve lives and reveal challenges that remain to be addressed. Read the highlights [here](#).

Road map: *Implementing the Commission on Cancer Standard 3.1 - Patient Navigation Process*

The GW Cancer Center has created this CDC-funded resource in response to technical assistance requests by comprehensive cancer control stakeholders to help develop a patient navigation process. Access it [here](#).

Video: The HPV Vaccine Is a Cancer Vaccine

This short animated video from MD Anderson looks at how the HPV vaccine is the best protection against the HPV virus and the cancers it causes. Click [here](#) to view it.

Video: Patient Safety in Clinical Trials

Patient safety is of paramount importance in cancer clinical trials. This new NCI video discusses how patient rights and safety are protected in clinical research. Click [here](#) to view it

Funding Opportunities

The Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative (TFGCI) Grant Program

ACS funding available to accelerate and expand the adoption and implementation of 100% smoke and tobacco free policies on college and university campuses. Funding is available to public or private, non-profit, higher education institutions in the US, and ranges from \$10,000-\$20,000. Proposals are due 01/15/2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

Reminder: Our next CAT Meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Location: [DSHS](#), 1100 West 49th Street, Austin

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

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.