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Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

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Background

The Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP) is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct cancer control activities statewide as guided by the 2016-2020 Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan¹. The priority areas of the plan are to prevent cancer, increase early detection, improve access to treatment, and improve quality of life for cancer survivors. The NCCCP promotes collaboration on cancer control activities through its structure, which encompasses both community partners, including the statewide Nevada Cancer Coalition, as well as other state programs, such as the Tobacco Control and State of Nevada Immunization Programs.

Current Efforts

Key success of the NCCCP and the cancer control community include:

- Sun Smart Nevada Schools has implemented evidence-based curriculum and policy, systems, and environmental changes within fifty schools to protect youth from ultraviolet radiation exposure.
- The successful creation of a cancer screening education series targeting health care providers.
- Successful collaboration with the State of Nevada Immunization Section and Immunize Nevada to implement evidence-based provider trainings to increase HPV vaccine series completion rates.
- Development of partnerships and programs to meet the unique needs of cancer survivors in Nevada as identified in the 2017 Nevada Cancer Survivors Focus Group Report².

Demographics

Cancer describes over two hundred unique diseases which when combined, make up the second leading cause of death in Nevada³. While overall rates may be falling, it is important to note actual counts and costs are increasing as the state population increases. In 2018, approximately 14,060 new cases of cancer were diagnosed and an estimated 5,330 cancer-related deaths occurred in Nevada⁴. An estimated 120,200 survivors already reside in the state⁵. The following table has been provided by the Nevada Central Cancer Registry and represents the overall burden of cancer in Nevada.

¹ <http://nevadacancercoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2016-2020-NV-Comprehensive-Cancer-Control-Plan-FINAL1.pdf>

² http://nevadacancercoalition.org/sites/default/files/NVSurvivorFocusGroups_Report_Final.pdf

³ State of Nevada, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Nevada Central Cancer Registry. *Comprehensive Cancer Report, 2008-2012*. [http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/NCCR/dta/Publications/Nevada_Central_Cancer_Registry_\(NCCR\)_-_Publications/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/NCCR/dta/Publications/Nevada_Central_Cancer_Registry_(NCCR)_-_Publications/)

⁴ American Cancer Society. *Cancer Facts & Figures 2018*. 2018. <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/annual-cancer-facts-and-figures/2018/cancer-facts-and-figures-2018.pdf>

⁵ American Cancer Society. *Cancer Treatment and Survivorship: Facts and Figures 2016-2017*. 2016.

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Table One: Top Five Mortality Causes by Age-Adjusted Rates*, Nevada vs. United States, 2000-2012

