



Wisconsin's  
Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan

Prevention • Screening & Detection • Treatment • Quality of Life • Palliative Care

# CCC Plan Update

Issue 14

January/February 2007

## Check out [WICANCER.ORG](http://WICANCER.ORG)!

### WI CCC Program & WI Cancer Council Launch New Website



After much anticipation the newly revised [wicancer.org](http://wicancer.org) website is now up and running! For the past several months, we have been working with a website designer to re-design and invigorate our website. As soon as you are done reading this newsletter, *check out [www.wicancer.org](http://www.wicancer.org).*

conferences and events. Each CCC funded project has a description, staff link and the potential to have its own webpage within the [wicancer.org](http://wicancer.org) site. Wisconsin Cancer Council members can find all the Council news, proceedings and links on this site as well.

We want to make this website a common portal of CCC related information for all our partners. As you begin to use the site, please send us any feedback or suggestions you have. You can reach the WI CCC Program through the website at [wicancer@uwccc.wisc.edu](mailto:wicancer@uwccc.wisc.edu). *Happy Surfing!*

#### Important Dates

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month	Jan.
National Cancer Prevention Month	Feb
WCC Steering Committee Meeting	Feb 21

Not only does the website have a new look but it has expanded features such as an interactive Statewide Program Inventory that each organization can add their cancer related programs to. There is also an Events Calendar where you can post and also look up upcoming

## Milwaukee Regional Cancer Care Network

In June 2006, a group of committed community leaders came together to begin a comprehensive assessment of access to cancer care in the Milwaukee area. This group, known now as the Milwaukee Regional Cancer Care Network (MRCCN), has made great strides over the last 6+ months. With over 40 members meeting monthly, they are doing a cancer care capacity assessment to look at barriers to cancer care. They have gathered information on cancer incidence and mortality, workforce capacity, availability and quality of treatment services, language barriers and insurance coverage specific to Milwaukee. This assessment will be the building block for the Milwaukee Regional Cancer Care Network's work in 2007.

The MRCCN has its roots directly in the Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2005-2010 in the Treatment Chapter, Increase Access to Cancer Treatment Priority, Strategy A: Develop Regional Partnership Networks dedicated to breaking down barriers to access to cancer care. The MRCCN is a pilot of this strategy and what is learned from the MRCCN will be used to replicate this model in other parts of Wisconsin.

***Any cancer control partners that serve the Milwaukee area are invited to attend the MRCCN meeting on Wed, February 7th from 2:00-4:00pm at the United Way of Milwaukee.*** At this meeting we will share what has been accomplished so far and plans for the upcoming year.

# Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Before the development of the Pap Smear, cervical cancer was the second leading cause of female cancer deaths in the U.S. Due to the increase in screening, the number of cervical cancer deaths has declined by more than 75% over the past 50 years. We now have another tool to help in the fight against cervical cancer. Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a vaccine for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) for females 9 to 26 years of age to prevent cervical cancer caused by HPV. In support of the FDA, CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control offers the following statement about HPV and cervical cancer:

- Regular cervical cancer screening (Pap tests) is recommended for all women (starting within 3 years of when a woman begins sexual activity or at age 21, whichever comes first).
- HPV vaccination for girls and women aged 9–26 is supported.
- All women receiving the HPV vaccine should continue to receive regular cervical cancer screening (Pap tests) according to established screening recommendations.

**Note:** HPV vaccination does not substitute for routine cervical cancer screening (Pap tests). This vaccine is not intended to treat cervical cancers.

More specific information and recommendations about the HPV vaccine are available from the <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/ACIP/>

## WI Comprehensive Cancer Control SUMMIT 2007

### *Focusing on Cancer Health Disparities*

SAVE THE DATE: April 19, 2007  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Radisson Milwaukee West Hotel  
Wauwatosa, WI

[click here to go to www.wicancer.org](http://www.wicancer.org) for more details

### **Promising Projects Poster Session at the SUMMIT**

Here's your opportunity to share your organization's successful project or activity that is working to eliminate cancer health disparities in Wisconsin.

There will be a poster session at the 2007 Summit and an opportunity for a few of the posters to be featured at a pre-Summit reception with Dr. Harold Freeman.

A call for poster abstracts with full application details will be available at [wicancer.org](http://wicancer.org).

## *Wisconsin's Drug Repository Seeks Participating Pharmacies*

The Wisconsin Cancer and Chronic Disease Drug Repository—which was created following the passing of Nick's law—allows individuals to donate unused medications to participating pharmacies or medical facilities for eventual dispensing to uninsured or under-insured patients in the community if the unused medications are in the manufacturer's original container and unopened.

Currently, there are only 19 Wisconsin pharmacies participating. To become a participating pharmacy, visit the Department of Health and Family Services' Office of Quality Assurance website at: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/bqaconsumer/cancerdrugreposey.htm> and complete the Cancer Drug and Chronic Disease Drug Repository Program Notice (form number OQA-2643).

For questions and more information, please email the Bureau of Quality Assurance: [plcnsghomesfdds@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:plcnsghomesfdds@dhfs.state.wi.us), attention Doug Englebert.

### **For more information:**

Amy Ellestad, Program Director  
Comprehensive Cancer Control  
610 Walnut St,  
370 WARF  
Phone: 608-265-9322  
Fax: 608-262-2425  
[ellestad@uwccc.wisc.edu](mailto:ellestad@uwccc.wisc.edu)

