



**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF  
Kansas Cancer Partnership:**

**HPV VACCINATION**

**Colorectal  
Screening**

*Financial  
Burden of  
Cancer*

**Health Equity**

Tobacco  
Cessation

Improve Cancer  
Survivors'  
Quality of Life

**About Us**

Comprehensive Cancer Control (CCC) is a collaborative process through which a community pools resources to reduce the burden of cancer, resulting in reduced cancer risk, earlier detection of cancer, better treatment and improved quality of life.

Kansas Cancer Partnership (KCP) was established to bring together cancer control leaders and organizations from across the state.

KCP and regional cancer coalitions develop, implement and evaluate cancer prevention and control plans and initiatives for the communities where members live and work. These coalitions serve as an engine of change in Kansas for cancer issues. Across the state, hundreds of organizations and individuals are involved in the state and regional cancer coalitions. Learn more about their accomplishments by visiting [www.KSCancerPartnership.org](http://www.KSCancerPartnership.org).

**Kansas Cancer Partnership  
Steering Committee Partners**

- American Cancer Society
- American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- Coffeyville Regional Medical Center
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- University of Kansas (KU) Cancer Center
- KU Medical Center Area Health Education Center
- KU School of Medicine
- KU Medical Center
- Midwest Cancer Alliance
- Tammy Walker Cancer Center, Salina
- Via Christi Cancer Center
- Wichita Medical Research & Education Foundation

Kansas Cancer Partnership (KCP) consists of more than 100 individuals and organizations that come together to combine their strengths and resources to support and advance cancer prevention and control. KCP coordinates partners to identify and prioritize goals and objectives across to prevent cancer from occurring, detect cancer at its earliest stages, assure access to high quality cancer treatment, and improve the quality of life of cancer patients and survivors as they live with and beyond the disease. KCP meets in-person twice a year, with workgroups that meet more often by video-conference or conference call. Information about KCP membership can be found at [www.KSCancerPartnership.org](http://www.KSCancerPartnership.org).

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**Cross-Cutting Issues: Build overall capacity for cancer prevention and control in Kansas**

Cross-cutting issues that have impact across the cancer continuum include:

- Increasing health equity
- Reducing the financial burden of cancer
- Increasing participation in clinical trials
- Knowing one's family history of cancer
- Reducing barriers to accessing and completing cancer screening, diagnostics and treatment through patient navigation

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**Prevention: Prevent cancer from occurring or recurring**

A person's risk of cancer can be reduced with healthy choices including:

- Avoiding tobacco exposure
- Limiting alcohol use
- Protecting skin from the sun
- Avoiding indoor tanning
- Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables
- Being physically active
- Receiving recommended vaccinations (human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to prevent most cervical cancers and other HPV-related cancers in both women and men, and hepatitis B vaccine to lower liver cancer risk).

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**Early Detection and Diagnosis: Detect cancer in its earliest stage through early detection and a timely, definitive diagnosis**

Methods include:

- Screening for cervical and colorectal cancer so lesions/polyps can be treated before they become cancerous
- Screening to find cervical, colorectal and breast cancers at an early, most treatable stage
- Screening high risk people for lung cancer
- Informed decision-making with health care providers about prostate cancer screening

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**Post-Diagnosis and Quality of Life throughout the Cancer Journey: Assure the highest quality of life for Kansans who have been diagnosed with cancer during and after treatment**

Quality of life can be enhanced through:

- Providing treatment summaries and care plans that include recommendations for mental health, tobacco cessation, physical activity, diet and other healthy lifestyle behaviors to decrease risk of cancer recurrence or other chronic diseases.
- Increasing access to palliative care ("comfort care") to cope with the symptoms of cancer and cancer treatment.
- Honoring seriously ill patients' treatment preferences as they move across the continuum of care.

**Get in touch!**

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