

Introduction

Purpose

The Kansas Cancer Prevention and Control Plan is a road map for addressing cancer in the following ways:

- Addressing issues common across all cancers and highlights cancers with the highest incidence and mortality in Kansas.
- Presents methods that have worked in similar communities to prevent, diagnose, treat cancers, and improve survivor quality of life.
- Promotes activities that increase healthy choices, cancer screening, access to care and health equity.

Kansas Cancer Partnership (KCP)

Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Control is an approach supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that brings together key partners and organizations to form coalitions dedicated to preventing and controlling cancer. State and regional coalitions include diverse partners from all areas of the community who commit time and resources to address cancer in their state. Coalitions are charged with developing a plan to reduce the number of community members who get or die from cancer.



The Kansas Cancer Partnership (KCP) coordinates partners to identify and prioritize goals and objectives 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. The state cancer plan and its companion document, Burden of Cancer in Kansas, February 2021, inform work of KCP, its workgroups and regional coalitions. KCP recognizes the contributions of the many individuals, advocates and agencies working on cancer initiatives that are and are not represented in this plan.

State Cancer Plan Implementation

The key to a successful plan lies in implementation. KCP workgroups and regional coalitions select priority objectives annually, using criteria such as need, potential impact and likelihood for success. Ultimately, state plan implementation will increase use of evidence-based approaches, data for planning and evaluation, clinical-community linkages, health systems change and quality clinical preventive services. Baseline data and five-year targets will be used for evaluation of strategies in the plan.

KCP Membership

KCP is an inclusive coalition that welcomes new members who want to take an active role in working on the goals, objectives and strategies in the state cancer plan. KCP meets in-person twice a year, with workgroups meeting more often by video conferencing or conference call. Information about KCP membership may be found at KSCancerPartnership.org.

Regional Coalitions

Regional coalitions conduct strategic planning to select locally relevant priorities from the state cancer plan and design interventions specific to the unique characteristics of their regions. Regional coalitions meet approximately monthly by phone or in person. In 2022, there were regional coalitions in the north central, south central, and southeast areas of the state, with a fourth coalition in southwest Kansas due to COVID 19.