

# Ohio Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2021-2030

## 2021 Progress

May 2022

# Progress across Goal Areas

**All topical workgroups made progress in forming their groups and planning or carrying out strategies.**

- Some workgroups were able to make progress on implementing strategies.
- Many workgroups described steps they took to **plan, inform, or bolster the strategies** that they will implement in the future.

# Challenges across Goal Areas

**Topical workgroups also expressed common challenges relating to capacity limitations or challenges within their strategies.**

- **Capacity limitations**
  - Limited or no funding.
  - Workgroup members.
  - Established and potential partners.
- **Challenges within their strategies**
  - Limited access to data.
  - Lack of coordination across health systems.
  - Challenges identifying strategies that are both feasible and effective.

# Primary Prevention

*Goal: Prevent cancer from occurring*

# Cancer Genetics

## *Progress*

- **Made strides in making updated, evidence-based resources available to the public.**
  - Held 116 education events on cancer genetics topics.
  - Uploaded updated guidelines on referral to cancer genetics evaluation to the ODH website.
  - Identified most of the speakers who will contribute to updating the “Cancer Genetics in Your Practice” modules in OhioTrain.
  - Kept the contact information of all Ohio Cancer Genetics Risk Assessment locations updated on the ODH Genetics Services Program website.
  
- **Made progress on building partnerships between cancer genetic counselors and hospital registries to identify patients appropriate for genetic counseling.**
  - Data on the Cancer Registry Project for 2013-2018 has been submitted for publication.
  
- **Created three new sub-groups to move strategies forward.**

# Exposure to Environmental Carcinogens

## *Progress*

- Secured free radon test kits for Ohio residents.
- Put together a media campaign for National Radon Action Month.

# Liver Cancer

## *Progress*

- **Workgroup membership increased and was very active, meeting eight times in less than a year.**
- **Made progress on efforts to better meet the needs of populations disproportionately affected by hepatitis C.**
  - Secured data to identify communities disproportionately affected by hepatitis C.
  - Developed grant proposal to provide hepatitis C screening and treatment to these groups.

# Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Obesity

## *Progress*

- **Through ODH's Creating Healthy Communities Program, the workgroup implemented numerous PSE strategies across Ohio to improve access to active living and healthy eating.**
  - Changes to the built environment included new and repaired playgrounds and parks, improving bike and pedestrian infrastructure, providing active commute supports at worksites, etc.
  - Implemented 13 Food Service Guidelines strategies.
- **Gathered information to support their strategy to promote awareness of the connection between obesity and cancer risk.**
  - Learned that medical weight management programming in the State of Ohio does not inform patients on the relationship between obesity and risk of cancer.
  - Brought in new members to work on this strategy.



# Skin Cancer and UV Exposure

## *Progress*

- **Made progress on improving the reporting of melanoma cases.**
  - Developed a partnership between OCISS and the Skin Cancer Center in Cincinnati to use student volunteers to improve case reporting, resulting in 200 additional case reports.
  - Made plans to engage the Ohio Dermatological Association around reporting needs and requirements.

# Vaccines for Cancer Prevention/ HPV- Associated Cancers

## *Progress*

- **Active and engaged group.**
  - 20 members from a variety of sectors.
  - Meets every six weeks; meetings are well-attended.
- **Made progress on educating health care providers on current HPV vaccination recommendations.**
  - The Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics educated providers on teen immunizations.
- **Worked on a campaign to promote public awareness of the need for HPV vaccination.**
  - Collaborated with Ohio State University and Case Comprehensive Cancer Center on the *Get Back to Basics, Ohio!* initiative to promote social media efforts and a public awareness campaign.
  - Identifying subject matter experts and community members to be featured.

# Early Detection

*Goal: Detect cancer at its earliest stage*

# Breast Cancer

## *Progress*

- **Made plans to build partnerships to support its strategy to ensure funding in the state budget for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project.**
  - Made plans to meet and coordinate with the Ohio Cancer Caucus.
  - Contacted Senator Stephanie Kunze, who planned to join a workgroup meeting.
  
- **Made plans to meet with several partners to gather information and strengthen collaboration to improve mammography screening rates.**
  - Made plans to meet with partners to discuss their connections with Managed Care Plans and how they can strengthen their partnerships.

# Cervical Cancer

## *Progress*

- **Made progress on their plans to conduct mass media campaigns to educate people on cervical cancer screening.**
  - Worked closely with the *Get Back to Basics, Ohio!* initiative.
  - Made plans to feature subject matter experts and community members in the campaign.
  - Identified resources and materials to put on OPCC website for health care providers.
  - Pulled together tools and resources for community members and agencies to post on OPCC Facebook.
  - Made plans to promote *Get Back to Basics, Ohio!* resources with health care organizations across Ohio.

# Colorectal Cancer

## *Progress*

- **Made strides in building important new partnerships.**
  - Identified high-potential partners who provide education around colorectal cancer screening, including the Healthy Ohio Business Council and the Ohio Association of Health Plans.
  - Began connecting with partners focused on BIPOC Ohioans, including the African American Male Wellness Council and the Hispanic Coalition of Ohio.

# Lung Cancer

## *Progress*

- **Celebrated the decision of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cover lung cancer screening for expanded groups.**
  - Considered ways to promote the announcement of this change.
- **Made plans to support educational programs to promote lung cancer screening, including beginning to build new partnerships.**
  - Made plans to connect with health care and physician networks, organizations with connections to minority populations, and regional hospital systems.

# Prostate Cancer

## *Progress*

- **Formed its core and extended workgroups, including representation from health systems across the state.**
- **Engaged in activities to educate key stakeholders and organizations across Ohio on prostate cancer disparities.**
  - Collaborated with Case Comprehensive Cancer Center and Ohio State University on a virtual panel, made up of prostate cancer providers, on shared decision-making in prostate cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment.



# Quality of Life for Persons Affected by Cancer

*Goal: Optimize the well-being of every  
person impacted by cancer*

# Cancer and Aging

## *Progress*

- **Made progress toward seeking funding to support use of the Geriatric Assessment metric within Ohio.**
  - Sought funding from American Society of Clinical Oncology and Conquer Cancer Foundation.
  - Obtained a letter of support from ODH and OPCC to support this statewide initiative.

# Delivery of Patient- Centered Services

## *Progress*

- **Made some progress on developing the assessment of cancer patients to identify barriers to clinical trial participation by identifying potential partners.**
  - Plans to partner with students working with Dr. Hicks from Dayton Children's.
- **Continuing to discuss ideas and potential partners for the development of listening sessions for cancer patients.**
  - Suggestions made by members have included partnering with "Tiger Lily" and focusing on a breast cancer listening summit with Black women as the priority population.

# Financial Burden and Barriers

## *Progress*

- **Brought in a couple of new members.**
- **Addressed their limited capacity by revisiting their objectives and reassessing their resources to better align with available resources.**
  - Established a new baseline and smaller initial goal of “understanding what cancer treatment organizations have or don’t have in place in terms of financial assistance/financial transparency.”
  - Obtained a list of cancer centers and is starting to collect baseline information on the centers’ financial assistance.

# Palliative Care and Hospice Care

## *Progress*

- **Developed one of the three “Workforce Needs Assessments” that is intended to gain a better understanding of the current state of the HPC workforce.**
  - Developed a survey for current and past HPC Fellowship programs.
  - Benefited from using Basecamp as a place to house their working documents.
  - Maintained regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

# Pediatric Cancer

## *Progress*

- **Made substantial progress toward increasing awareness for pediatric cancer.**
  - Held Ohio's First Annual Pediatric Cancer Summit, with 761 spots reserved, 2,862 views, and videos recognizing the work from Governor DeWine and Senator Brown.
  - Built partnerships with all 6 children's hospitals in Ohio.
  - Childhood Cancer webpage was finalized and launched on ODH's website.
  - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month declared in September.
  - Given presentation to multiple groups, including the Employment First Taskforce, on pediatric cancer and transition work.
  - Met weekly for the 6 months, and now every other week.