



News from the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative | December 2024

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

To Our Members,

As 2024 comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge you and your tireless efforts to serve the survivors and families of Wisconsin. Throughout this year, you have made our state a healthier place to call home. We are grateful. **Thank you.**

Warmest wishes,

The Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative staff



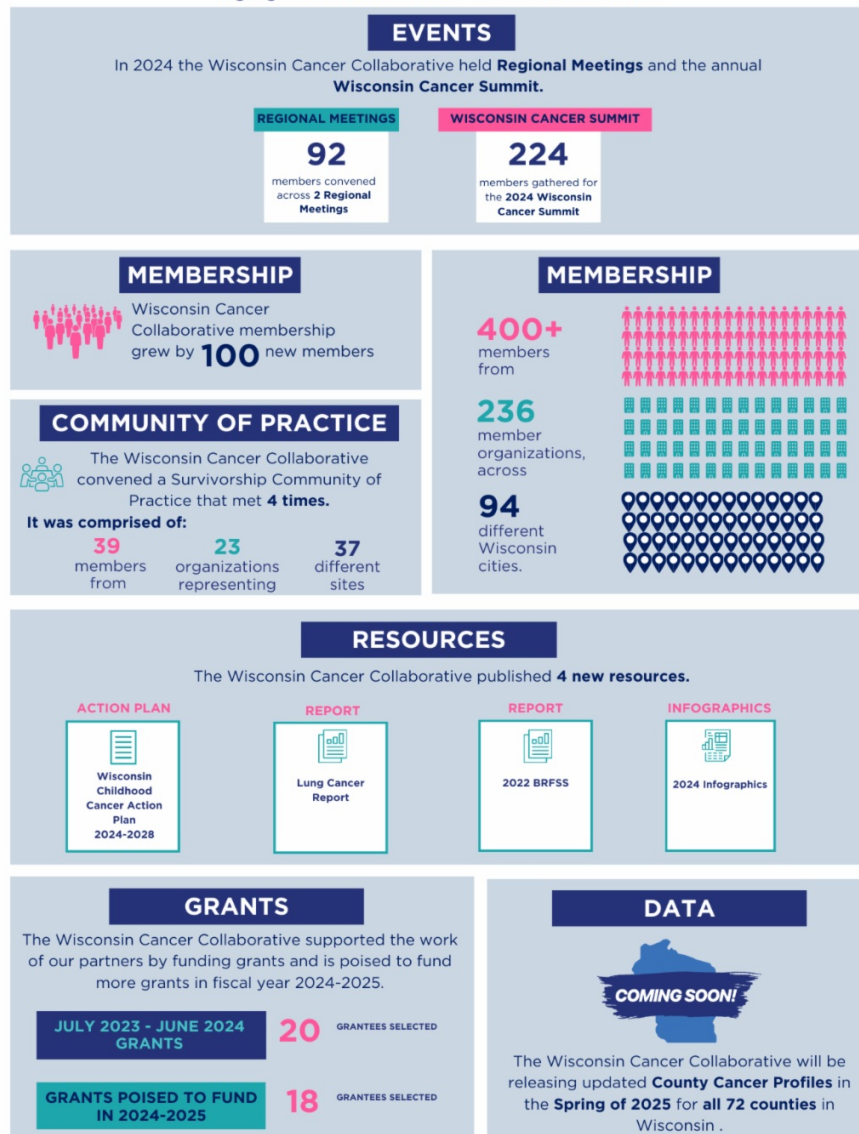
YEAR END RECAP

2024: A Year in Review

Thank you, Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative members, for making 2024 so impactful! Below is an infographic highlighting some of WCC's successes throughout the year. Explore the infographic below or [click here](#) for the PDF version with clickable links.

This work wouldn't be possible without you, thank you!

Highlights from the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative.



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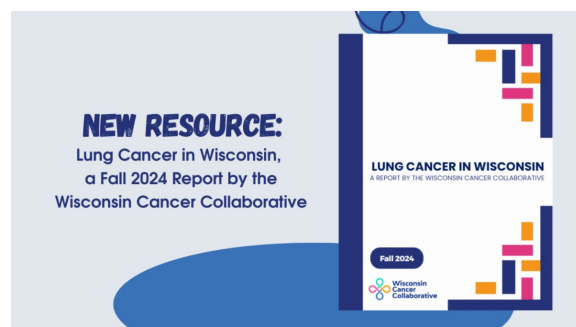
WCC NEWS

New Lung Cancer in Wisconsin Report Available Now!

The Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative has published a new report, Lung Cancer in Wisconsin. The report is based on data provided by the Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Highlights include:

- Lung cancer incidence and mortality in Wisconsin declined significantly in the last decade.
- Lung cancer incidence is declining at



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a slower pace in Wisconsin compared to the U.S. overall in recent years.

- Men have higher rates of lung cancer than women in general, but particularly at ages 60+ when lung cancer is more often diagnosed.

[View our Lung Infographic](#)

OPPORTUNITY

Survivorship Community of Practice Recruiting for 2025

The Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative is now recruiting select health systems and/or community-based organizations for our 2025 Survivorship Community of Practice (COP).

The goal of the group is to improve cancer survivorship care for people living in Wisconsin at their site, share strategies with the group, learn from one another, pool resources, and provide technical assistance.

Organizations in the 2025 Survivorship COP will be asked to complete work of their own choice in one of the key gap areas of mental health, sexual health, fertility, or exercise/rehabilitation services. **Meetings happen virtually, and quarterly. Space is limited.**

If you want to learn more or are interested in joining the 2025 Survivorship Community of Practice, please contact Alexandria Cull Weatherer at acull@wisc.edu.

WCC NEWS

Save the Date for the 2025 Wisconsin Cancer Summit!

Celebrating 20 Years

SAVE THE DATE

WISCONSIN CANCER SUMMIT

September 24th & 25th

2025

Glacier Canyon Conference Center
Wisconsin Dells, WI

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Partner Announcements

A short list of funding opportunities, calls for proposals and other news from our members and partners.

To submit an announcement for an upcoming newsletter please [email us](#).



ACA MARKETPLACE NEWS

Open Enrollment Continues for ACA and Medicare Coverage

Open enrollment is under way for ACA Marketplace insurance coverage. Enroll by December 15 for coverage beginning on January 1, 2025. Open enrollment will end on January 15, 2025, and those that signed up for coverage between December 16, 2024 – January 15, 2025, will have their insurance begin on February 1, 2025. For more information visit the [Covering Wisconsin website](#).

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RECOGNITION

ACS Looks to Recognize Community Health Workers in Southeast Wisconsin

The American Cancer Society is looking to recognize the meaningful impact and contribution made by Community Health Workers in cancer prevention, cancer screening, and/or providing support after a cancer diagnosis.

One health worker will be selected each quarter and featured on ACS social media channels. Community Health Workers must be working with communities in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington, or Waukesha Counties.

Please reach out to Alysha at Alysha.Rendflesh@cancer.org with any questions.

[Nominate a CHW](#)

Resources and Reports

STUDY

Breast Cancer Survivorship Navigator Virtual Learning Collaborative (VLC)

A free, 14-week virtual Breast Cancer Survivorship Navigator Virtual Learning Collaborative (VLC) will be hosted by Young and A Survivor (YAAS) and the University of Illinois Chicago. The goal is to teach best practices of cancer survivorship navigation in underserved communities.

[Register for the VLC](#)

[View the Flyer](#)

The program starts in January 2025, and is open to patient navigators, community health workers, and others who work with breast cancer survivors. This can include people who facilitate breast cancer support groups, participate in health ministries, lay navigators, etc.

The two requirements for participation are: 1) *direct patient/client experience with at least three breast cancer clients*, and 2) *commitment to active participation in the full 14-week series*.

OPPORTUNITY

Vaccine Course Available

Unity Consortium has developed their 3Cs Program to help health care providers provide Confident, Concise, and Consistent vaccine recommendations and secure same-day vaccination for adolescents and young adults (including HPV vaccination). The newly redesigned, free, self-guided course allows you to track progress, revisit material that interest you, and download a certificate of completion. Throughout the course, you will see techniques like motivational interviewing and, when appropriate, shared clinical decision-making “in action.” Also included is a Q&A-style resource guide to help you address specific questions and situations.

[Enroll in the Course](#)

REPORT

Lung Association Releases "State of Lung Cancer Report"

The American Lung Association released its 2024 report, the [State of Lung Cancer](#). The report includes Wisconsin statistics, which ranks the state 9th best in the country for early diagnosis of lung cancer, and 16th best for the survival rate. Wisconsin has a 19.2% lung cancer screening rate, compared to the national average of 16%. Make sure to check out the Wisconsin [state data page](#).

[View the Report](#)

[View the Wisconsin Data](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment Period to Open for Screening for Cervical Cancer

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force is seeking comments on a draft recommendation statement, draft evidence review, and draft modeling report on screening for cervical cancer. The Task Force recommends that women ages 21 to 65 get screened regularly for cervical cancer. The draft recommendation statement, draft evidence review and draft modeling report are available for review and public comment from December 10, 2024, to January 13, 2025.

[Visit the Comment Page](#)

REPORT

Surgeon General Releases Report on Tobacco and Disparities

The U.S. Surgeon General released the 2024 report, *Eliminating Tobacco-Related Disease and Death: Addressing Disparities*. The report documents the persistence of disparities in tobacco product use and exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke, and acknowledges poverty and discrimination as key drivers of disparities.

[Read the Report](#)

[Read the Key Findings](#)

WORKSHOPS

Cervical Cancer Prevention Workshops for Hmong and Karenni Women

[Read the Article](#)

A recent article in the *Wisconsin Medical Journal* highlights an example of a community-academic partnership to develop tailored cervical cancer prevention workshops for Hmong and Karenni women in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative member Mayhoua Moua is both a key collaborator and author in this work.

STUDY

Recent Study on Geospatial Cancer Hot Spots and Cold Spots and Associated Risk Factors

[Read the Study](#)

A recent study in *Preventing Chronic Disease* analyzed county-level cancer death rates in the United States from 2004-2008 and 2014-2018. It identified cancer mortality hot spots and cold spots-areas where cancer death rates decreased less than or more than neighboring areas over time. It also identified possibly risk factors of cancer mortality in these spots. Hot spots were mostly in the Plains states and Midwest, including much of western Wisconsin and southern Wisconsin. Cold spots were mostly in the Southeast, Northeast, two Mountain West states (Utah and Idaho), and a portion of Texas. Factors with the strongest influence on hot spots and cold spots were unemployment, preventable hospital stays, mammography screening, and high school education.

STUDY

Cervical Cancer Mortality Among Women Younger Than 25 Years

[Read the Study](#)

A recent study analyzed cervical cancer mortality data for women younger than 25 years from 1992 to 2021. The study, from the National Center for Health Statistics, found a gradual 3.7% decline in mortality per year from 1992-1994 and 2013-2015, which authors hypothesize is from improvements in screening coverage. However, they found a sharp 15.2% per year decline in mortality from 2013-2015 to 2019-2021 which authors suspect is due to the women being the first cohort to be protected against cervical cancer by HPV vaccines. Although cervical cancer in young women is rare, the findings in this study (along with other research), support that HPV vaccinations are reducing HPV infections, cancer incidence and mortality, highlighting the urgency to improve HPV vaccination coverage.

Upcoming Events

WEBINAR

Understanding the Impact of New Billing Codes on Patient Navigation: Survey Insights and Recommendations

**January 7
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

[Register](#)

WEBINAR SERIES
Coping with Cancer

Hosted by Gilda's Club Madison

**Meets five Tuesdays
Jan. 7- Feb. 4
Noon - 1:30 p.m.**

[Register](#)

Become Part of the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative

Not a member? Joining the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative is free. We connect you with tools, support, and expertise to help you make the greatest impact.

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