

Commission on Cancer State Chair Town Hall

July 18, 2023

CoC Cancer Liaison Physicians Meeting

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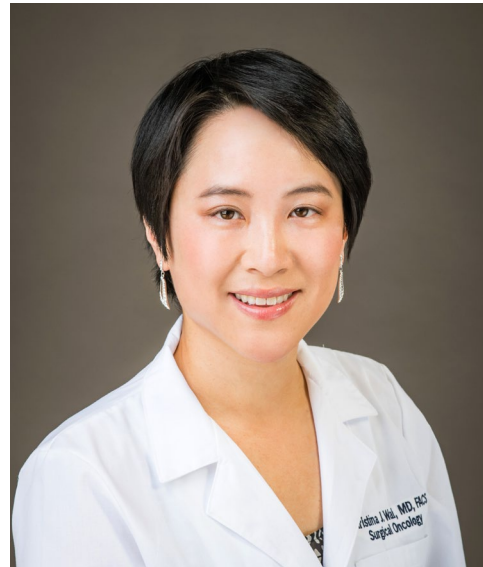
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CoC Update

- Monthly CLP and site visit lists
- CoC Research Paper Competition
- CLP Outstanding Performance Award
- Post Town Hall Communications

Upcoming Meetings

- CoC Fall Meetings
 - October 22
 - Boston, MA
- ACS Clinical College 2023
 - October 22-25
 - Boston, MA
- 2024 ACS Cancer Programs Conference
 - February 22-24, 2024
 - Austin, TX



CoC Operative Standards Updates

CSSP Education Committee

Chair: Mediget Teshome, MD MPH FACS

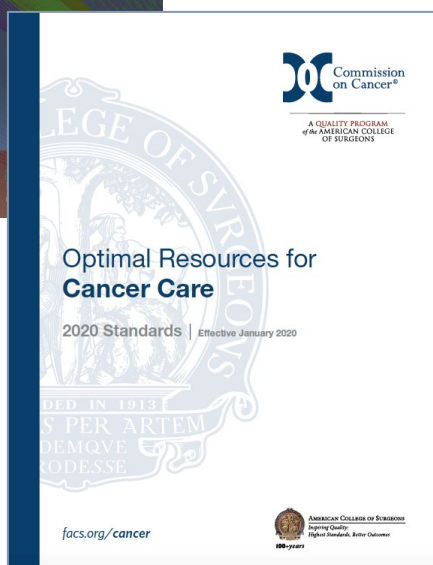
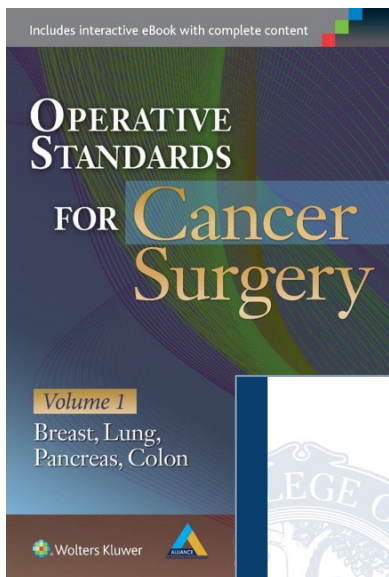
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Presenter: Makesha Miggins, MD FACS

CoC Cancer Liaison Physicians Meeting

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The CoC Operative Standards



Standard	Disease Site	Procedure	Documentation
5.3	Breast	Sentinel node biopsy	Operative report
5.4	Breast	Axillary dissection	Operative report
5.5	Melanoma	Wide local excision	Operative report
5.6	Colon	Colectomy (any)	Operative report
5.7	Rectum	Mid/low resection (TME)	Pathology report (CAP)
5.8	Lung	Lung resection (any)	Pathology report (CAP)

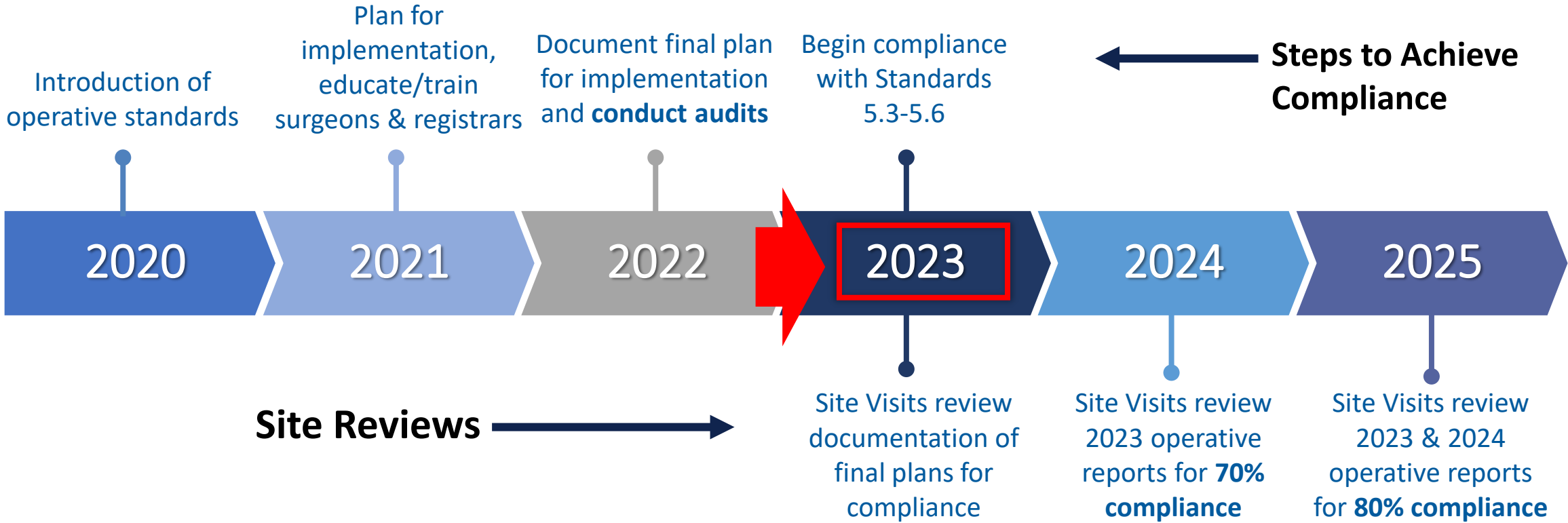
Changes to the CoC Operative Standards 5.6 & 5.7 in the CoC Standards Manual (Feb 2023)

Standard	Date Change Made	Edit Made	Reason
Standard 5.6: Colon Resection	February 24, 2023	Table for required elements of synoptic reporting updated. For applicable elements, added: <i>(select all that apply)</i>	Update
Standard 5.6: Colon Resection	February 24, 2023	Language updated: “This standard applies to all resections performed with curative intent for patients with colon adenocarcinoma cancer, and applies to all operative approaches.”	Clarity
Standard 5.7: Total Mesorectal Excision	February 24, 2023	Language updated: “This standard applies to all radical, anatomic operations for rectal adenocarcinoma performed with curative intent and excludes in-situ lesions and primary resection specimens with no residual cancer (e.g., following neoadjuvant therapy).”	Clarity

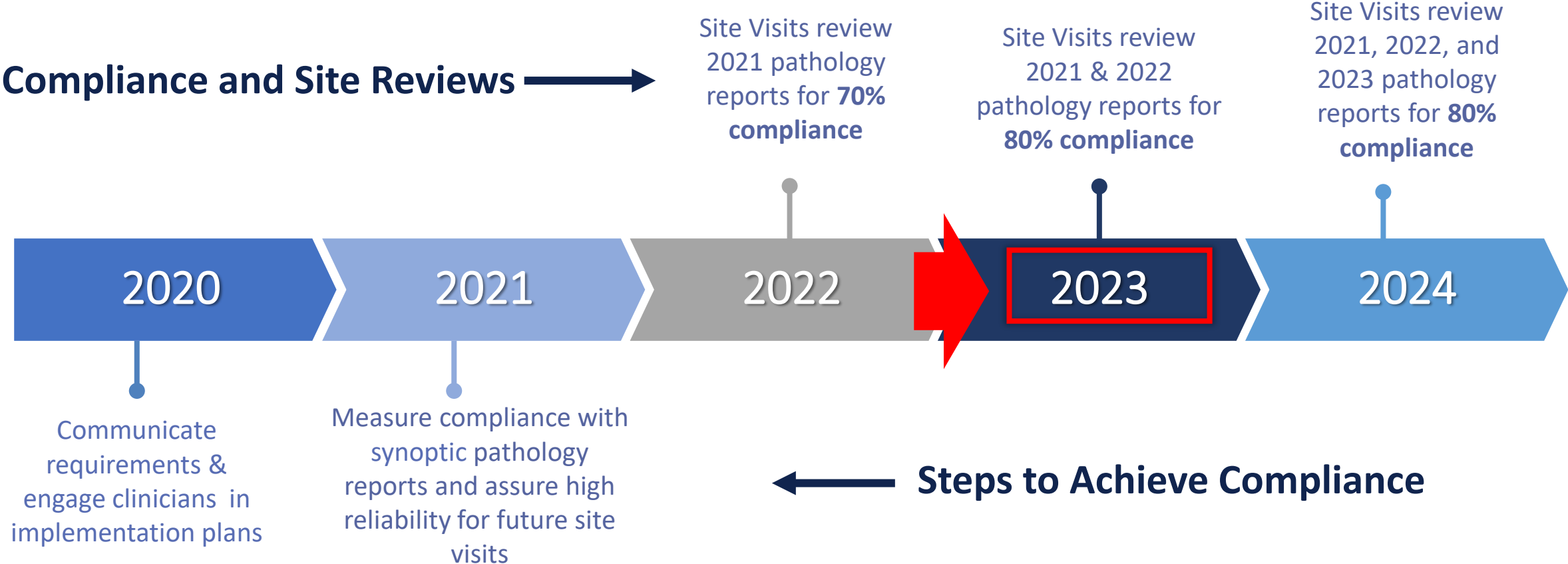
Timeline & Compliance Requirements for Standards 5.3-5.6

- In 2022, CoC-accredited programs documented their final plan for how they will meet the requirements of Standards 5.3-5.6 starting on January 1, 2023
 - This documentation will be reviewed at site visits in 2023, 2024, and 2025.
- Each operative report must meet both the technical and documentation requirements for the standard to be found compliant. Documentation must include CoC-required specific elements and responses in synoptic format.
- Starting with site visits in 2024, site reviewers will assess 7 operative reports for each standard.

Timeline for Standards 5.3-5.6



Timeline for Standards 5.7-5.8



Compliance levels for 5.3-5.8

Visit Year	Standard	Materials Assessed	Requirement
2023	5.3-5.6	Implementation plan for Standards 5.3-5.6	Plan documented in 2022
	5.7	7 rectal pathology reports from 2021-2022	80% compliance
	5.8	7 lung pathology reports from 2021-2022	80% compliance
2024	5.3-5.6	Implementation plan for Standards 5.3-5.6 7 operative reports, per standard, from 2023	70% compliance
	5.7	7 rectal pathology reports from 2021-2023	80% compliance
	5.8	7 lung pathology reports from 2021-2023	80% compliance
2025	5.3-5.6	Implementation plan for Standards 5.3-5.6 7 operative reports, per standard, from 2023-2024	80% compliance
	5.7	7 rectal pathology reports from 2022-2024	80% compliance
	5.8	7 lung pathology reports from 2022-2024	80% compliance

Opportunities for Improvement and Lessons Learned from Prior Site Visits

Opportunities for Improvement Identified During Site Visits

Standard 5.7 (Total Mesorectal Excision)

- Facilities not using most recent version of CAP report (missing TME completeness)
- Incomplete excision of the mesorectum
- Location and evaluation of mesorectum missing
- Pathology reports did not address the intactness of mesorectum

Opportunities for Improvement Identified During Site Visits

Standard 5.8 (Pulmonary Resection)

- Failure of surgeons to remove/identify required nodal stations
- Inadequate number of nodes from required stations (either no nodes removed, or fewer stations than required for mediastinal and/or hilar nodes)
- Stations not listed in pulmonary resection synoptic pathology reports
- Nodes grouped rather than named by site
- Information included not in synoptic format

Lessons Learned

Strategies for achieving compliance with Standards 5.7 and 5.8

- Performing internal audits in preparation for the site visit
- Education, awareness, communication with surgeons/pathologists (share CSSP resources, STS webinar, etc.)
- Ensure thoracic and colorectal representation at tumor board
- Use most recent versions of CAP reports
- Create an internal review process to track reports
- Provide a checklist for staff in OR to use and remind surgeons of the need for mediastinal sampling and TME completeness as necessary

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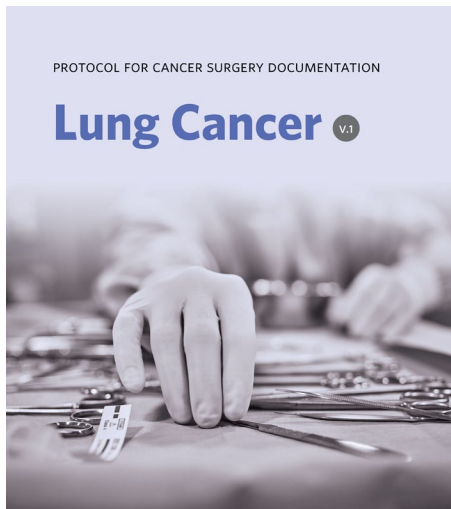
Recently Released Resources

Resources to help CoC programs prepare for site visits:

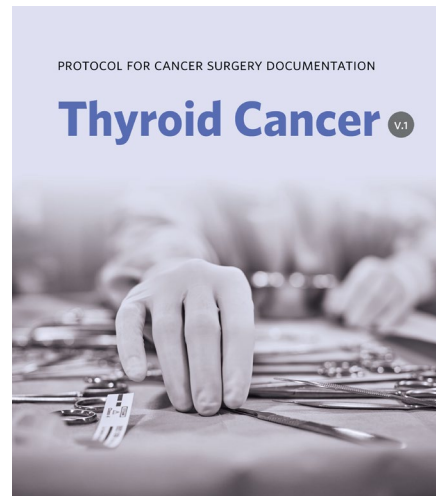
- [CoC Standard 5.7 flyer](#) and [CoC Standard 5.8 flyer](#) detail the technical and compliance requirements.
- [Editorial](#) on CoC Operative Standards 5.3 and 5.4
- [Editorial](#) on CoC Operative Standard 5.5
- [Video](#) on CoC Operative Standard 5.5: Requirements & Best Practices
- [Video](#) on CoC Operative Standard 5.6: Requirements & Best Practices

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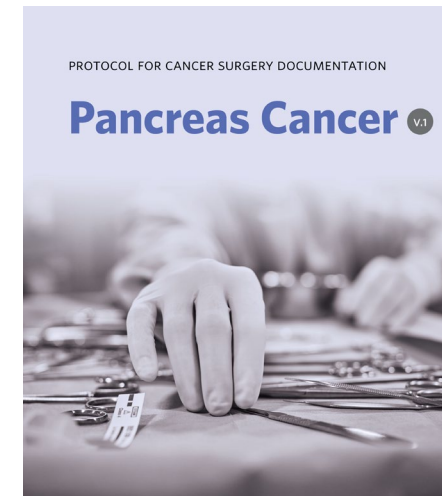
- New Cancer Surgery Standards Program (CSSP) cancer surgery protocol on [pancreas](#), [lung](#), and [thyroid](#) cancers are available for Kindle and print-on-demand



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Operative Standards Toolkit

All resources can be found on the [Operative Standards Toolkit](#), organized by topic

[Quality Programs](#) For Medical Professionals For Patients

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Operative Standards Toolkit

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This toolkit includes resources to assist with the implementation of the six [Commission on Cancer \(CoC\) Operative Standards](#) in the [Optimal Resources for Cancer Care \(2020 Standards\)](#), Standards 5.3 through 5.8. Resources are organized by category or standard. CoC-accredited programs should share these resources with their staff to increase awareness and understanding of these accreditation standards. Please send any questions to cssp@facs.org.

Technical Standards for Pancreatic Cancer Surgery (Pancreatoduodenectomy) Webinar

- Broadcasted on February 21st, 2023.
- The webinar discussed evidence-based operative standards for the performance of pancreatoduodenectomy as outlined in the *Operative Standards for Cancer Surgery, Volume 1*.
- The webinar can be viewed on [YouTube](#) on the Cancer Surgery Standards Program playlist. Please note CME will not be awarded to participants watching the webinar on YouTube. Participants will only earn CME credit if the content is viewed through the ACS Learning Management System (LMS).

Upcoming Events and Webinars

- **ACS Quality & Safety Conference**
 - July 10th-13th in Minneapolis
- **Breast Cancer Surgery Technical Standards Webinar**
 - September 12th at 5pm CT
- **2024 Site Visit Preparation Webinar**
 - Fall 2023
- **Operative Standards Webinar for RAS Members**
 - Fall 2023

Thank you, State Chairs!

Questions?

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Quick Links:

[Operative Standards Toolkit](#)

[CoC 2020 Operative Standards](#)

[CAnswer Forum](#)

Cancer Quality Improvement Update

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- Beyond ASK
 - Supporting programs to “Advise and Assist” patients in smoking cessation
 - Approximately 320 CoC and NAPBC programs
- Breaking Barriers
 - Programs identify, analyze, and prioritize barriers to cancer care
 - Approximately 380 CoC and NAPBC programs
- *PROMPT
 - Timeliness of care

<p>CANCER PROGRAMS</p> <p>ACS Cancer Research Program</p> <p>The ACS Cancer Research Program maintains administrative and scientific committees to further the fight against cancer.</p>	<p>CANCER PROGRAMS</p> <p>American Joint Committee on Cancer</p> <p>AJCC publications are recognized as the authoritative guides for cancer staging information and used by of thousands of medical professionals.</p>	<p>CANCER PROGRAMS</p> <p>Cancer Surgery Standards Program</p> <p>The Cancer Surgery Standards Program sets evidence-based standards for oncologic surgery and helps surgeons meet those standards.</p>
<p>CANCER PROGRAMS</p> <p>National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer</p> <p>The NAPRC model emphasizes program structure, patient care processes, performance improvement, and performance measures.</p>	<p>CANCER PROGRAMS</p> <p>Commission on Cancer</p> <p>The Commission on Cancer is dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for patients with cancer.</p>	<p>CANCER PROGRAMS</p> <p>National Cancer Database</p> <p>The National Cancer Database is a clinical oncology database sourced from hospital registry data collected in over 1,500 CoC-accredited facilities.</p>
<p>CANCER PROGRAMS</p> <p>National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers</p> <p>The NAPBC helps deliver high-quality care for breast disease by setting standards, providing quality measures, and more.</p>	<p>CANCER PROGRAMS</p> <p>Breaking Barriers Quality Improvement Collaborative</p> <p>The 2022 CoC and NAPBC Assessment of Smoking in New Cancer Patients PDSA QI Project and Clinical Study; Just ASK is an elective project.</p>	<p>CANCER PROGRAMS</p> <p>Beyond ASK Quality Improvement Project</p> <p>Beyond ASK is a yearlong national Quality Improvement Project sponsored by ACS Cancer Programs that seeks to build program's capacity to offer cessation assistance to newly diagnosed cancer...</p>

Visit project websites for more information

Looking Ahead- 2024 projects



Breaking Barriers (year 2)

- Prioritizing at least one barrier and developing sustainable solutions
- Do not need to participate in Year 1 to participate in Year 2

Standard 5.8 Pulmonary Resection

- Cohort Collaborative
- Focusing on process mapping and root cause analysis

Submit your own ideas for a National QI Project!

- Process in development and more will be announced by January 1 for 2025 project considerations

State Chair QI Survey Results

- Are you interested in QI training and educational opportunities
 - 59%- Yes
 - 35%- I am already familiar
 - 6%- No

What role do you think a state chair should play in QI?	
Act as a resource for CLPs in interpreting NCDB tools	69%
Act as a resource for CLPs in designing a QI project	60%
Review state level aggregate data from CoC accredited programs participating in National QI projects	58%
Help recruit for national QI initiatives at the state level	48%
Act as a resource for CLPs in interpreting QI data, reviewing PDSA cycles, etc	44%
Act as a resource for CLPs in understanding state level resources (as it relates to a specific QI initiative)	23%
I do not believe there is a role for state chairs in QI	0%

CoC Quality Improvement Committee

Educational Subcommittee

- Support the educational needs of CoC stakeholders (CLPs, CTRs, Site reviewers, etc)
- Support ACS wide QI Course
- Provide recommendations for Cancer content in ACS conferences

Implementation Subcommittee

- Support local QI initiatives via coaching and guidance
- Test and provide recommendations on the ACS Quality Framework and other tools
- Consider local, regional, and state collaboration, needs, and resources via National QI projects

QI Case Study Repository: <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/case-studies/>

Considerations and Questions

- Do you know which programs in your state are participating in National QI projects?
 - Can we cultivate quick wins/successes locally?
- What will be helpful to communicate with your CLP's, as it relates to QI
 - For recruitment of new projects? For communicating project updates? For new resources or tools

Reach out anytime

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Accreditation Benefits

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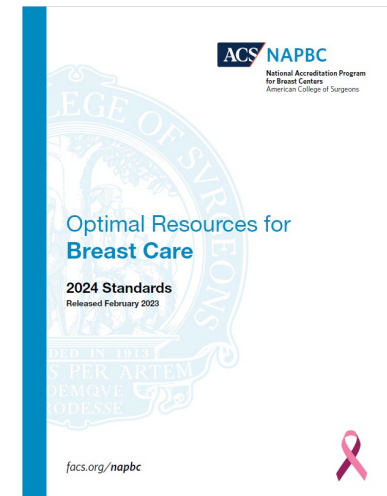
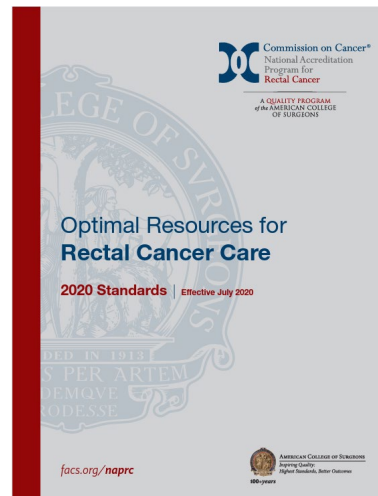
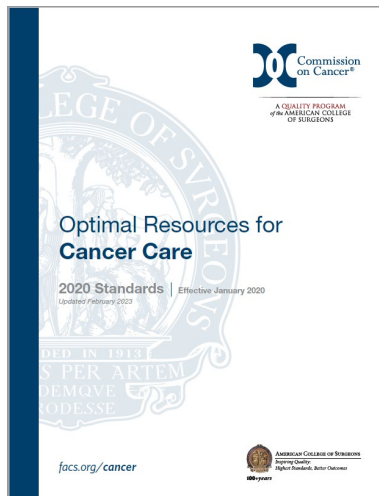
Kalea Whitmore – Follows up on leads



Sue Rubin – Assists applicants through process

Why seek CoC, NAPRC, NAPBC accreditation?

- Community of peers
- Clinical focus
- Focus on evidence-based care
- Multidisciplinary approach
- Site reviewers' experience
- Marketing advantage
- National recognition
- NCDB national data



How can we help?

Accreditation resources:

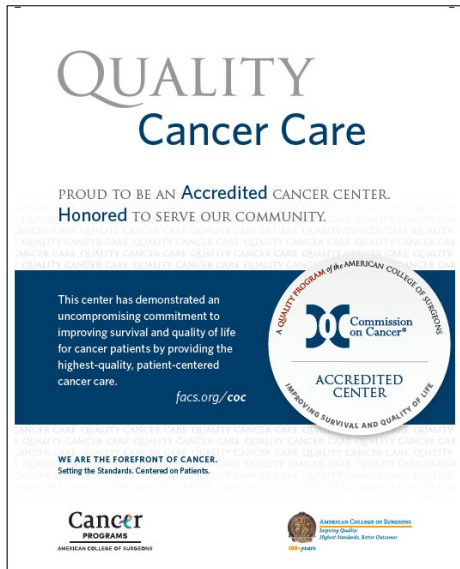
- QPort Resources – links to FAQs on the standards and related website and information
- CAnswer Forum – searchable for topics and answers, 24/7
- Workshops at the annual Cancer Conference
- Gap Analysis Tools

Related to accreditation:

- Quality Improvement education and toolkit
- Education for patients (available through the ACS store)
 - Brochures
 - ACS website

How can we help?

- Marketing the achievement
 - Sample press releases (it's a good idea to share your success!)
 - Posters and banners
 - Social media graphics
 - Power of Quality campaign and SQP diamonds



What is coming up?

- Expanding site reviewer pool to allow for more flexibility in scheduling sit visits
- 2024 NAPBC standards – activities for compliance begin 2024, site visits to assess in 2025
- Pediatric Cancer Program “secondary” accreditation
- Looking into how to assist rural hospitals so they can remain viable while providing high-level care in their communities



For general information, refer leads, or suggest site reviewer candidates,
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Thank you!



American Cancer Society

Overview and 2023 Priorities





Vision: End cancer as we know it, for everyone.

Mission: Improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.



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We provide expert-level, patient-centric assistance to solve important problems across the cancer continuum for:



Patients



Families &
Caregivers



Health Care
Professionals &
Communities

Person-centered support across the cancer continuum



Prevention



Early
Detection



Treatment
Support



Research
Support



Palliative care
& symptom
management



Survivorship



End-of-life
care and
bereavement



Cross-continuum work:

- Health equity
- Global health
- Caregivers





Educating and advocating for healthy lifestyles and environments, including promotion of regular screening, and trusted source of screening recommendations for health care professionals

More than **\$6M** investment focused on advancing high-quality cancer care through capacity building and support of oncology patient navigation

Online Cancer Survivors Network®: a supportive online community for nearly one million people affected by cancer type



Collaboration with community partners and health systems to identify and address disparities in prevention, screening, diagnosing, and treating cancer

Partnering with **200** health systems and health plans nationwide to increase cancer screening and HPV vaccination



Free nights of lodging for people with cancer and their caregivers traveling for treatment

Peer-to-peer support from breast cancer survivors through our Reach To Recovery® support program

24/7 access to answers and hope via cancer.org and our free helpline at 1-800-227-2345



Information, resources, and support through ACS CARES navigation program



Advocating for high-quality, affordable health care for everyone, including closing the Medicaid coverage gap, through our American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM

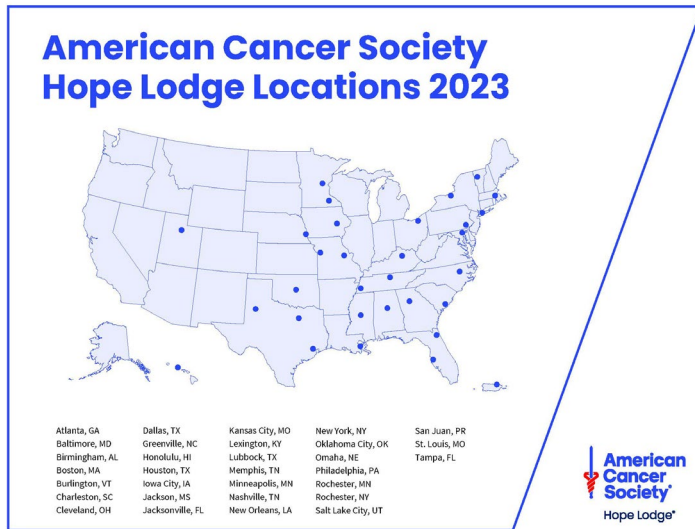


Free rides to treatment through our Road To Recovery® program and transportation grants



Every journey. Every step. Every day.

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1.48 million
Lives touched
(-cancer.org)



141,539
Recipients of
patient
programs/services



24,000
Hope Lodge
guests



41,000
Rides to
treatment



220,000
NCIC
callers/chats



1.29 million
CSN
participants



1,471 partner
organizations
engaged in
ACS initiatives

Total lives touched in 2022: **50.8 million**

ACS and CoC Collaboration

- Content shared during state chair calls, through state chair emails and weekly newsletters
- State chair pairing with ACS state-based staff
 - **Look for email introduction later this week**
- To come- further clarification on ACS engagement with CoC facilities



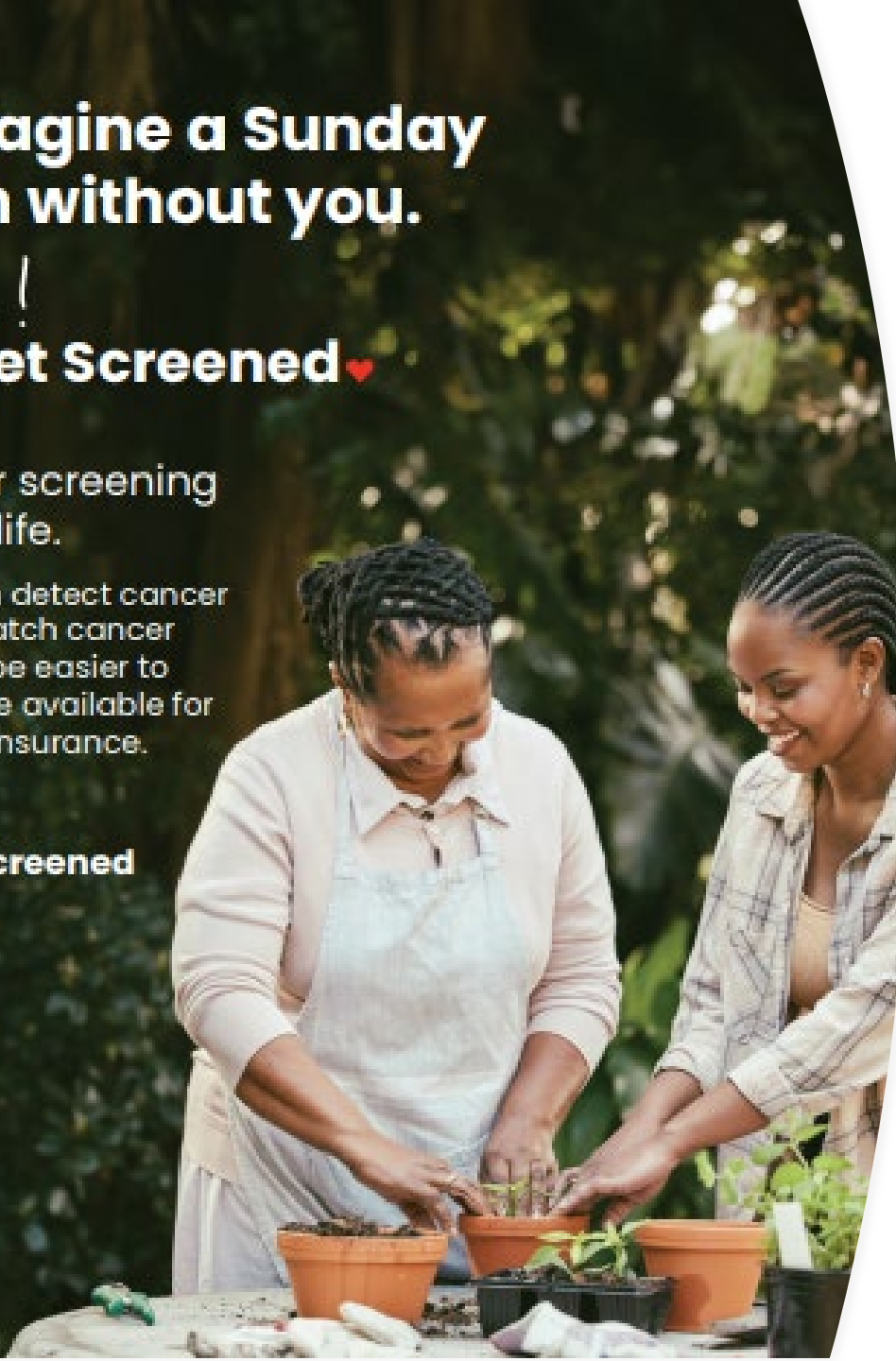
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can save your life.

Screening tests can detect cancer
before it starts or catch cancer
early, when it may be easier to
treat. Many tests are available for
free or covered by insurance.

**Learn more at
[cancer.org/getscreened](https://www.cancer.org/getscreened)**



I Love You Get Screened Campaign

Love is an action. Get screened.

Make cancer screening a regular
part of your life. Screening tests are
used before a person has any
symptoms to help find cancer early,
when it may be easier to treat.

Print, social media, digital and
information on our website

<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/screening/get-screened.html> regular

Second Annual National Lung Cancer Screening Day (“National LCS Day”) on Saturday, November 11, 2023

<https://nlcrt.org/lung-cancer-screening-day>



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LUNG CANCER SCREENING DAY

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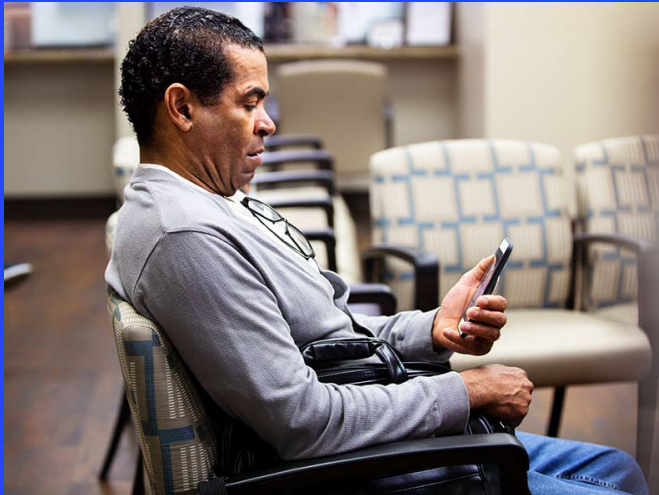
The American Cancer Society National Lung Cancer Roundtable (ACS NLCRT), American College of Radiology (ACR), and Radiology Health Equity Coalition (RHEC) have partnered once again for the **second annual National Lung Cancer Screening Day (“National LCS Day”) on Saturday, November 11, 2023**. As part of Lung Cancer Awareness Month and in partnership with the ACR and the RHEC, we are promoting this lifesaving event to screen more individuals and raise awareness about lung cancer screening. The President’s Cancer Panel recommends lung cancer screening as the single most effective strategy for reducing mortality from the disease and closing the gap to improve health equity and access. To achieve this goal, the President’s Cancer Panel has charged individuals, health systems, and communities with communicating and promoting lung cancer screening.

[Sign Up Here to Support Lung Cancer Screening Day](#)

[Locate a Lung Cancer Screening Facility Near You](#)



ACS CARES (Community Access to Resources, Education, and Support) equips those facing cancer with curated content, programs, and services to fit their specific cancer journey



Customized Guidance

Download the app and get personalized information and resources that update as you age, your situation changes or new information becomes available.



Access to Information

24/7 access to receive over-the-phone support from trained American Cancer Society (ACS) staff.



Support System

Virtual support from trained ACS community volunteers and in person support from clinic volunteers.

<https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/acs-cares.html>

Thank You

Open Forum





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Questions?

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