Working Together to Improve Cancer Outcomes

The American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer
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Cancer Programs: Priority Partners & Collaborative Activities
National, Division, and Local Engagement
American College of Surgeons Cancer Programs
The Commission on Cancer (CoC)

Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons to set standards to ensure quality and comprehensive cancer care delivery

The CoC is a consortium of 52 member organizations including the Society plus Fellows of the American College of Surgeons
US CANCER CASES DIAGNOSED AND TREATED IN CoC ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

US CANCER CASES DIAGNOSED AND TREATED ELSEWHERE
Commission on Cancer

Cancer Liaison Program

The Cancer Liaison Program is composed of more than 1,500 *Cancer Liaison Physicians* who facilitate the delivery of comprehensive quality care in CoC-accredited facilities and their local communities.

A network of 62 *State Chairs* provide leadership and support to accredited programs and CLPs within their state and act as collaborators with the Society.

*Annual Society funding of the Cancer Liaison Program is approximately $300,000*
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National Cancer Data Base (NCDB)

The National Cancer Data Base, established in 1989 with funding by the Society, is a nationwide oncology outcomes database with over 29 million records.

Annual Society funding of the Nation Cancer Data Base is approximately $800,000
American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC)

- Annual funding from the Society supports staff positions, educational activities and the staging guideline development process
- Activities funded by the Society include the development of CME-based educational programs and educational staging posters
- The Society also collaborates with the AJCC to produce “The Staging of Cancer Pocket Guide”, which contains staging guidelines for the top ten cancer sites. (Available in Society Mart)

*Annual Society funding of the AJCC is approximately $230,000*
National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers

- Established by the American College of Surgeons in 2006
- NAPBC-accredited Centers must comply with 28 quality of care standards and undergo a triennial survey process
- First NAPBC Center accredited in December, 2008
- The Society is one of 20 member organizations and is represented on the NAPBC Executive Committee
- 500 accredited breast centers as of April, 2013
National Engagement
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Leadership, Volunteers, Member Organizations, Staff

State Chairs
Cancer Liaison Physicians
CoC- accredited Programs

ACS-CoC Steering Committee

Health System VPs
Senior Directors, Hospital Systems
Senior Managers, Account Managers

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National Engagement

• American Cancer Society is a CoC Member Organization
• ACS is represented on the Committee on Cancer Liaison
• ACS leadership hold a seat on the CoC Executive Committee
• ACS presentations made to the State Chair bi-annual meetings
• Materials provided to the Cancer Liaison Physicians at the CLP Breakfast held during Clinical Congress
• CoC staff and volunteers serve on ACS planning groups, work groups, advisory councils
National Engagement (cont.)

• Commission on Cancer is a National Partner Comprehensive Cancer Control

• Activity Reports are completed by ACS State Chair Relationship Managers and State Chairs annually

• CLPs are asked about their engagement with ACS in the Survey Application Record (SAR)

• CoC-accredited programs are asked in the Survey Application Record if they have an ACS Collaborative Action Plan

• The CoC actively promotes Society engagement with regular communication to accredited programs, Cancer Liaison Physicians, State Chairs, and Surveyors and regular Society updates in CoC Source

• CoC Surveyors provide an overview of the Society-CoC collaboration at each CoC Survey

• The CoC reports data on ACS programs and services in the Hospital Locator on the CoC website
Division Engagement
Division Engagement

State Chair
Relationship Managers
Local Engagement
Local Engagement

Patient-Centered Accreditation Standards
Screening and Prevention Program Standards
Clinical Trial Information Eligibility Requirements
Clinical Trial Accrual Standard

ACS programs & services
NCIC, cancer.org
Resources for Healthcare Professionals

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Resources
Jointly Developed Resources

NEW RELEASE

American Cancer Society and Commission on Cancer:

Working Together to Improve Cancer Outcomes

The Society and CoC Collaboration Guidebook
2nd Edition
Jointly Developed Resources

The ChrOniCle

Dear Colleagues in the American Cancer Society:

As the new chair of the Commission on Cancer Committee on Cancer Liaisons, I am delighted to write this letter for The ChrOniCle. I have served as vice-chair of the Committee for the last three years, and it is exciting to be able to continue my work on the Committee as its chair.

As many of you know, 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of the collaboration between the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the American College of Surgeons (CoC). Last October, along with many ACS and CoC colleagues, I attended the ACS-CoC Collaboration Meeting. The meeting was a great opportunity to review the accomplishments of 10 years of collaboration, but also to challenge the participants to look ahead at new initiatives to address the changing landscape of cancer research and care. Several potential opportunities for further collaboration were proposed. Exciting times are ahead as the American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC) continue their work together to improve the quality of care for cancer patients.

For the Cancer Liaison Physician (CLP), this year marks the implementation of new Standard 3.3, which specifies the responsibilities of the CLP to monitor, interpret, and report on his or her program's performance under the Commission on Cancer. The American College of Surgeons and the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) have worked closely to develop the new standard with the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) reporting tool and how to use the new tool to improve the quality of cancer care. In addition, several other new patient care standards will be phased in this year's development of a patient navigation process, ensuring the availability of palliative care services, provision of cancer risk assessment and genetic counseling, and implementation of processes to monitor psychosocial distress screening and implementation of a comprehensive care summary and follow-up plan to patients with cancer who are completing cancer treatment.

These new standards were created to support quality of life alongside disease-directed treatment across the entire continuum of care. They not only increase quality of cancer care delivered, but also improve patient and family satisfaction with care, as well as create efficiencies in care through improved communication and coordination of care.

The American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons have been working together for 10 years to develop these new standards and making its resources available to cancer programs working to meet the new standards.

The last 10 years have proven that when the American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons join forces, dramatic improvements can be made in screening, prevention, treatment, research, and the quality of life for cancer patients.

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February 13, 2013

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Welcome to the CoC Page!

COMMISSION ON CANCER AND THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE CANCER OUTCOMES

Welcome to the Commission on Cancer (CoC) Community!

The CoC Community is a resource for ACS staff who support engagement with over 1500 CoC-accredited cancer programs in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Past and current collaborations between the ACS and the CoC have made a tremendous impact on the support available to cancer patients, education of the public about detection and early prevention, and physician engagement at the local and national level.

Continued success of the relationship can significantly influence the reduction of cancer incidence and mortality and increase and increase access to high-quality cancer care for cancer patients nationwide.

COC FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS

Submit feedback and any questions regarding the CoC and ACS relationship. Your questions will be answered promptly.

Your Feedback

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