

# Improving Outcomes for Patients with Cancer



**Cancer**  
PROGRAMS

QUALITY PROGRAMS  
of the AMERICAN COLLEGE  
OF SURGEONS

WE ARE THE  
FOREFRONT OF CANCER.  
SETTING THE STANDARDS.  
CENTERED ON PATIENTS.



## AT THE FOREFRONT FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS

For more than a century, our programs have guided hospitals through a set of standards and principles that prevent complications, reduce costs, and save lives. **The American College of Surgeons (ACS) Quality Programs** follow four key principles for continuous and sustainable improvement:

**1** *Set objective standards*

**3** *Build the right infrastructure*

**2** *Use clinically based data*

**4** *Verify with outside experts*

# A History of Excellence

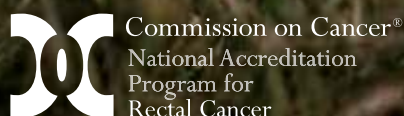
*Cancer is one of the most difficult diseases of our lifetime. The American College of Surgeons is proud to lead the industry in setting the standards for compassionate, personalized care that is coordinated to treat the whole patient.*

Since 1922, the **Commission on Cancer (CoC)** of the American College of Surgeons has been setting standards and accrediting cancer programs to ensure the provision of high-quality cancer care. Today, more than 1,500 cancer centers across the country are CoC accredited. In 2017, the CoC expanded its accreditation program to include the **National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer (NAPRC)**, which focuses on reducing variations in outcomes for rectal cancer patients. ACS Cancer Programs also includes the **National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC)**. Established in 2005 to improve outcomes for patients with diseases of the breast, the NAPBC now encompasses more than 600 breast centers nationwide.

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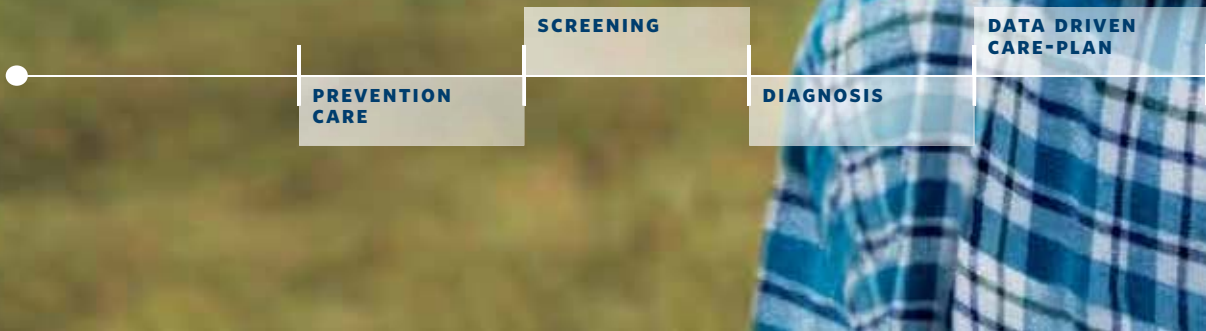
# The CoC: A History of Distinction

**T**he Commission on Cancer is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard setting, which promotes cancer prevention, research, education, and monitoring of comprehensive quality care.

Today, there are more than 1,500 CoC-accredited cancer programs in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. CoC accreditation encourages hospitals, treatment centers, and other facilities to improve their quality of care through various cancer-related programs and activities. **These programs are concerned with the full continuum of cancer—from prevention to end-of-life-care—while addressing both survival and quality of life.**

## The Cancer Patient Journey

Our standards support the patient every step of the way.



COMMISSION ON CANCER



A NATIONWIDE CANCER TREATMENT  
AND OUTCOMES DATABASE

34 million records

+ 1,500 ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

PATIENT  
NAVIGATION

NUTRITION  
SELF CARE

ACTIVE  
TREATMENT

SURVIVORSHIP  
CARE

ONGOING CARE  
LIFETIME FOLLOW-UP

## THE VALUE PROPOSITION

## Earn a Reputation of Excellence in Cancer Care

### Be Confident. Be Trusted.

CoC accreditation provides real value to hospital cancer programs and their patients. Programs can proudly demonstrate their commitment to their community, providers, payers, and the government. They can show they have invested in systems to ensure that cancer patients receive high-quality, coordinated care, and that they have made the efforts necessary to ensure that supportive services and resources addressing the full continuum of care are available to their community.

CoC accreditation includes data reporting to, and feedback from, the National Cancer Database (NCDB) to assess cancer programs performance using nationally recognized quality of cancer care measures. These data systems allow programs to compare their quality of care, identify variations, and implement improvements to demonstrate the high quality of care they provide and their commitment to continuous quality improvement. The CoC Standards also provide your cancer program with an infrastructure that gives your team opportunities for leadership development, team building, and programmatic development.

The CoC is a multidisciplinary program that:

- **ESTABLISHES STANDARDS** to ensure quality, comprehensive cancer care delivery in health care settings
- **CONDUCTS SURVEYS** in health care settings to assess compliance with those standards
- **COLLECTS STANDARDIZED DATA** from CoC-accredited health care settings to measure cancer care quality
- **USES DATA TO MONITOR TREATMENT** patterns and outcomes and enhance cancer control and clinical surveillance activities
- **DEVELOPS EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTIONS** to improve cancer prevention, early detection, cancer care delivery, and outcomes in health care settings

Individuals and representatives from more than 50 cancer-related organizations comprise the membership of the CoC and contribute to the development of the Commission on Cancer Standards and accreditation program.

## Put Patients at the Center of Your Program

*Achieving accreditation by the CoC ensures your patients receive:*

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**Comprehensive, patient-centered care** through a multidisciplinary team approach

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**Access to information** on clinical trials and new treatment options

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**Ongoing monitoring** of care and lifelong patient follow-up

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**Psychosocial support** and survivorship care

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**Continuous quality improvements** in care



“The CoC challenges cancer programs to enhance the care they provide by addressing patient-centered needs and measuring the quality of the care they deliver against national standards.”

**STEPHEN B. EDGE, MD, FACS**

**ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE, BUFFALO, NY**

## WHAT YOU GET

## Quality Data for Better Outcomes

The CoC provides tools, resources, and data that enable cancer programs to deliver comprehensive, high-quality, multidisciplinary care to their patients with cancer.

### Access to the National Cancer Database and Reporting Tools

Annually, all CoC-accredited programs are required to submit data to the NCDB. The data include, but are not limited to, patient characteristics, cancer staging and tumor histological characteristics, type of first-course treatment administered, and outcomes information. CoC-accredited programs are provided with access to web-based tools to support quality improvement, community assessment, and cancer program administration.

The tools can be used to:

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**Evaluate and compare** the cancer care delivered to patients diagnosed and/or treated at your cancer program with other CoC-accredited programs at the state, regional, and national level

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**Identify areas for quality improvement** to ensure that patients receive the right treatment at the right time

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**Compare quality-related performance measures with aggregated CoC-accredited programs**, including accountability, quality improvement, and surveillance measures

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**Assess performance** across multiple disease sites

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**Run benchmark reports** to drive quality improvement and quality assurance activities

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**Track and analyze data** on all types of cancer to:

- Explore trends in cancer care
- Review regional and state benchmarks for CoC-accredited cancer programs
- Serve as the basis for quality improvement

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**Access participant user data files** for use by investigators to advance the quality of care delivered to cancer patients



NCDB reporting tools make CoC-accredited programs better at addressing data quality issues, identifying patient care challenges, and focusing their performance improvement efforts in a way that benefits the patient.

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

In-person workshops and webinars to educate you about the standards and reporting tools, best practices to support compliance with the standards, and tips and techniques to prepare for the on-site visit.

**TOOLS & TEMPLATES**

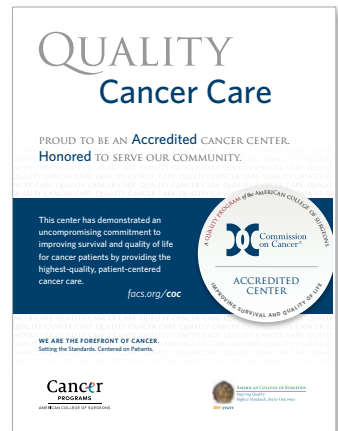
Resources to assist you in recording and tracking your cancer program activity for select standards in between, and in preparation for, site visits.

**PROGRAM SUPPORT**

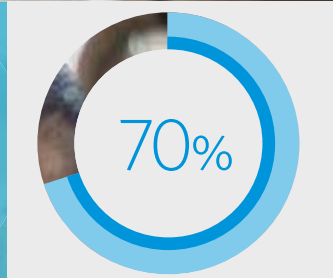
Access to the CAnswer Forum online community, where you can ask questions, search topics, and connect with cancer program colleagues across the country to share best practices.

**MARKETING RESOURCES**

Promote your CoC accreditation to your community with a variety of resources made available to accredited programs, including certificates, posters, and banners. Your cancer program is also promoted to the public through the online American College of Surgeons Find an Accredited Cancer Program tool.



More than 70 percent of patients with cancer in the U.S. receive patient-centered care from CoC-accredited cancer programs



## THE STANDARDS

## Standards That Make an Impact throughout the Journey

The Commission on Cancer Standards for accreditation address the full continuum of cancer—from prevention to end-of-life care—while addressing both survival and quality of life. Each standard impacts patients who receive care at a CoC-accredited cancer program, resulting in the following benefits:

- Quality cancer care
- Comprehensive care offering a range of state-of-the-art services and equipment
- A multidisciplinary, team approach to coordinate the best cancer treatment options available
- Access to cancer-related information and education
- Access to patient-centered services such as psychosocial distress screening and navigation
- Options for genetic assessment and counseling and palliative care services
- Assessment of treatment planning based on evidence-based national treatment guidelines
- Information about clinical trials and new treatment options
- Follow-up care at the completion of treatment, including survivorship resources
- A cancer registry that collects data on cancer type, stage, and treatment results, and offers lifelong patient follow-up

CoC standards directly impacted the adoption of patient navigation, palliative care and survivorship plans and resources for patients, and the implementation and use of synoptic pathology reports.



**THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS**

## Rigor. Structure. Excellence.

Each cancer program must undergo a rigorous evaluation and review of its performance and compliance with the CoC Standards. To maintain accreditation, cancer programs must undergo an on-site visit every three years to validate performance and ensure compliance. The structure outlined in the standards ensures that each cancer program seeking accreditation provides all patients with a full range of diagnostic, treatment, and supportive services either on-site at the facility or by referral to another location, including community-based resources.

## Get Started. Take These Steps.

- Review the steps to achieve accreditation
- Complete the application form
- Contact staff who can guide you through the process

### Step 1

#### Pre-Submission

- Download the current version of *Optimal Resources for Cancer Care, 2020 Standards*
- Establish a cancer registry reference date, collect one year of data, and conduct one year of patient follow-up
- Form a cancer committee, establish a schedule, and set documentation requirements
- Ensure that your cancer program has 12 months of program activity
- Conduct an internal assessment to demonstrate compliance with the standards

### Step 2

#### Submission

- Complete and e-mail an online application to [coc@facs.org](mailto:coc@facs.org)
- Electronically sign the ACS Business Associate and Data Use Agreement (BAA/DUA)
- *The CoC will notify the program when their application is processed and BAA is received*
- Program is invoiced for the accreditation fee


### Step 3

#### Post-Submission

- Receive access to the CoC Datalinks accreditation portal
- Provide dates for a CoC site visit
- Receive formal confirmation of site visit date
- Site reviewer conducts on-site review and submits report to the CoC for processing
- Receive survey results/performance report within 45 days of on-site visit
- Submit data to the National Cancer Database
- Promote your CoC accreditation

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*Join the forefront of cancer. Achieve accreditation.*

An underwater photograph showing a young child in a dark swimsuit swimming towards the camera. An adult's arm is visible on the right side of the frame, reaching towards the child. The water is clear and blue, with light filtering through from above.

## A Multidisciplinary Approach That Puts Rectal Cancer Patients First

**D**uring the last 20 years, the outcomes of rectal cancer have repeatedly been shown to be tremendously variable and highly contingent upon specialization, training, and volume. Some of these very important and highly statistically significant variations relate to rates of postoperative mortality, incidence of local recurrence, incidence of construction of permanent colostomy, and five-year survival. Based on the significant variability in the U.S. and the fact that a number of European countries were able to, on a national level, improve the quality of rectal cancer care, the Optimizing the Surgical Treatment of Rectal Cancer (OSTRiCh) Consortium convened in 2011. **As part of its commitment to provide high-quality care to patients with rectal cancer, the Commission on Cancer has partnered with the OSTRiCh Consortium to develop the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer.**

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR RECTAL CANCER



Commission on Cancer<sup>®</sup>  
National Accreditation  
Program for  
Rectal Cancer

WORKING TO SAVE

2,000 lives

EACH YEAR

**THE VALUE PROPOSITION**

## Patients First. Always.

The NAPRC’s goal is ensuring patients with rectal cancer receive appropriate care using a multidisciplinary approach. The NAPRC is based on successful international models that emphasize:

**PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

Establishing a multidisciplinary rectal cancer team comprised of trained and qualified physicians and coordinators

**PATIENT CARE PROCESSES**

Researching supported protocols and processes for rectal cancer care

**PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT**

Collecting data and monitoring to track care processes, treatment, compliance, and patient outcomes

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Verifying adherence to evidence-based procedures, including total mesorectal excision, pathological assessment, and MRI staging and reporting

**WHAT YOU GET**

## Personal. Convenient. Coordinated.

The NAPRC provides tools, resources, and data that enable rectal cancer programs to deliver comprehensive, high-quality, multidisciplinary care to their patients with rectal cancer.

### Access to the National Cancer Database and Reporting Tools

NAPRC-accredited programs are provided with access to web-based tools to support rectal cancer care quality improvement. The tools can be used to:

**Evaluate and compare** the rectal cancer care delivered to patients diagnosed and/or treated at your program with other CoC-accredited programs at the state, regional, and national level

**Identify areas for quality improvement** to ensure that patients receive the right treatment at the right time

**Compare quality-related performance measures with aggregated NAPRC-accredited programs**, including accountability, quality improvement, and surveillance measures

**Run benchmark reports** to drive quality improvement and quality assurance activities

**Track and analyze data** to:

- Explore trends in rectal cancer care
- Review regional and state benchmarks for CoC-accredited programs
- Serve as the basis for quality improvement

**Access participant user data files** for use by investigators to advance the quality of care delivered to rectal cancer patients

**Be Proud to Be among the Leaders in Rectal Cancer Care**

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

In-person workshops and webinars to educate you about the standards, best practices to support compliance with the standards, and tips and techniques for preparing for the on-site visit.

**TOOLS & TEMPLATES**

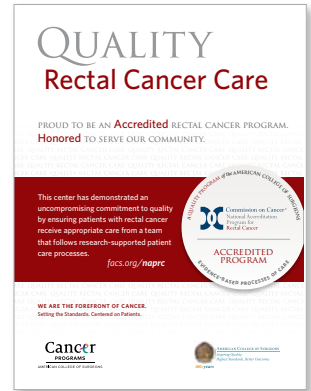
Resources to assist you in recording and tracking your rectal cancer program activity for select standards in between, and in preparation for, site visits.

**PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Access to the CAnswer Forum online community, where you can ask questions, search topics, and connect with cancer program colleagues across the country to share best practices.

**MARKETING RESOURCES**

Promote your NAPRC accreditation to your community with a variety of resources made available to accredited programs, including certificates, posters, and banners. Your rectal cancer program is also promoted to the public through the online American College of Surgeons Find an Accredited Cancer Program tool.



**THE STANDARDS**

**Comprehensive Care.**

The National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer Standards evaluate the following elements of a rectal cancer program:

<p><b>PROGRAM MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Ensure the program and multidisciplinary team is overseen by a qualified Rectal Cancer Program Director</p>	<p><b>CLINICAL SERVICES</b></p> <p>Confirm rectal cancer patients receive appropriate care based on diagnosis and within specified time target</p>	<p><b>TREATMENT PLANNING AND TIME TO TREATMENT</b></p> <p>Verify definitive treatment begins within a specified timeframe</p>	<p><b>QUALITY IMPROVEMENT</b></p> <p>Utilize data to increase efficiency, standardize care, and improve outcomes</p>
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**THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS**

## Rigor. Structure. Excellence.

Each rectal cancer program must undergo a rigorous evaluation and review of its performance and compliance with the NAPRC Standards. To maintain accreditation, rectal cancer programs must undergo an on-site visit every three years to validate performance and ensure compliance.

## Get Started. Take These Steps.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
<p><b>Pre-Submission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that your Rectal Cancer Program is a Commission on Cancer-accredited program</li> <li>• Download the current version of the <i>National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer Standards Manual</i></li> <li>• Form a defined Rectal Cancer Multidisciplinary Team that includes one appointed physician member from surgery, pathology, radiology, medical oncology, and radiation oncology</li> <li>• Ensure that your program has 12 months of program activity</li> <li>• Conduct an internal assessment to demonstrate compliance with the standards</li> </ul>	<p><b>Submission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and e-mail an online application to <a href="mailto:naprc@facs.org">naprc@facs.org</a></li> <li>• Program is invoiced for the accreditation fee</li> </ul>	<p><b>Post-Submission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive access to the NAPRC accreditation portal</li> <li>• Provide dates for a NAPRC site visit</li> <li>• Receive formal confirmation of site visit date</li> <li>• Surveyor conducts on-site review and submits report to the NAPRC for processing</li> <li>• Receive survey results/performance report within 45 days of on-site visit</li> <li>• Promote your NAPRC accreditation</li> </ul>

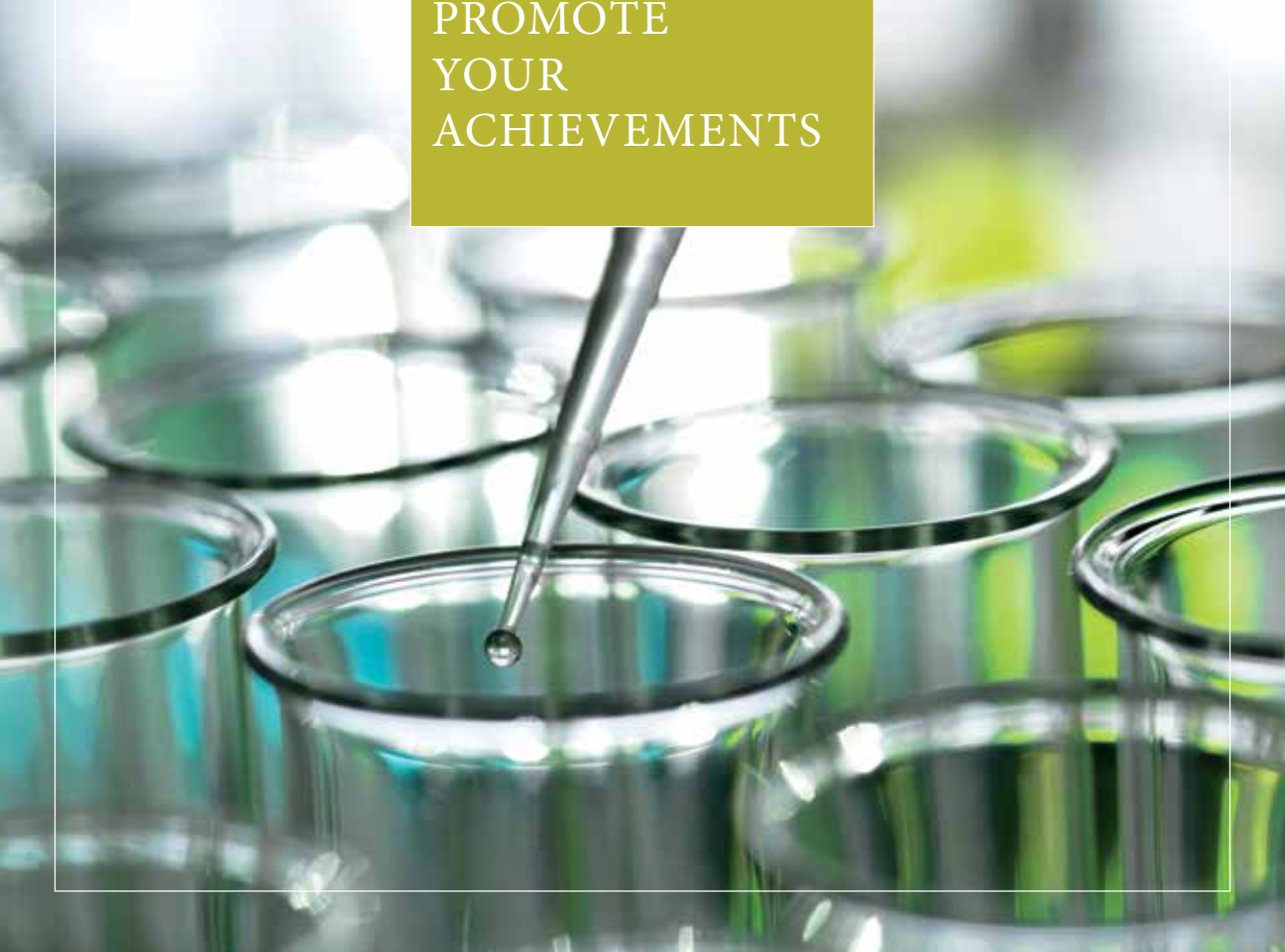
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*Join the forefront of rectal cancer care.  
Achieve accreditation.*





BE  
PROUD  
PROMOTE  
YOUR  
ACHIEVEMENTS





## Be the Difference in Care

**T**he National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers is a consortium of national, professional organizations focused on breast health and dedicated to the improvement of quality outcomes of patients with diseases of the breast through evidence-based standards and patient and professional education.

When you achieve accreditation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, you make a promise to patients that your number one priority is the highest quality of care for them.

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR BREAST CENTERS

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FOR BREAST CENTERS



JOIN THE MORE THAN

600 NAPBC

ACCREDITED BREAST CENTERS

**NAPBC objectives include:**

**DEVELOPING CRITERIA**

for breast centers and a site visit process to monitor compliance

Strengthening of the **SCIENTIFIC BASIS**

for improving quality care

Reducing the morbidity and mortality of breast cancer by **IMPROVING SCREENING**

mammography and **ADVOCATING FOR INCREASED ACCESS**

to and participation in clinical trials

Expanding programs of quality improvement

**MEASUREMENT AND BENCHMARK COMPARISON**

**THE VALUE PROPOSITION**

**Make a Commitment to Be the Difference in Care**

The NAPBC provides the structure and resources you need to develop and operate a high-quality breast center. Programs that are accredited by the NAPBC follow a model for organizing and managing a breast center to ensure multidisciplinary, integrated, comprehensive breast cancer services.

NAPBC accreditation provides:

**Breast cancer quality performance measures** that serve as benchmarks for measuring quality improvement

**Public recognition** of each accredited center’s commitment to providing quality care and monitoring of outcomes for patients with diseases of the breast

**Acknowledgment that each accredited breast center has documented outcomes** that meet or exceed national benchmarks

**Internal and external assessment of breast cancer performance** based on nationally recognized standards that demonstrate each accredited center’s commitment to quality

**Recognition by national health care organizations** for the commitment to providing high-quality breast care

Achieving accreditation by the NAPBC ensures your patients can be confident that your breast care team includes health care professionals from a variety of disciplines who are committed to working together to provide the best care available through the entire course of treatment.

**WHAT YOU GET**

## Gain Confidence through Excellence

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

In-person workshops and webinars to educate you about the standards, best practices to support compliance with the standards, and tips and techniques for preparing for the on-site visit.

**TOOLS & TEMPLATES**

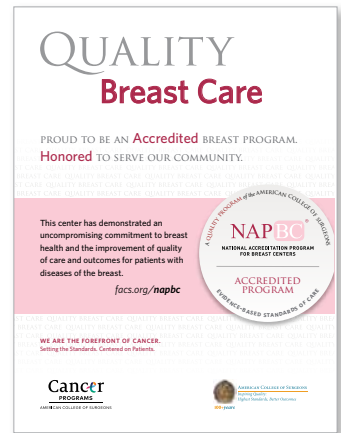
Resources to assist you in recording and tracking your breast center program activity for select standards in between, and in preparation for, site visits.

**PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Access to the CAnswer Forum online community, where you can ask questions, search topics, and connect with cancer program colleagues across the country to share best practices.

**MARKETING RESOURCES**

Promote your NAPBC accreditation to your community with a variety of resources made available to accredited programs, including certificates, posters, and banners. Your breast center is also promoted to the public through the online American College of Surgeons Find an Accredited Breast Center tool.



**THE STANDARDS**

## From Prevention to End-of-Life Care

The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers Standards for accreditation address the full continuum of cancer—from prevention to end-of-life care—while addressing both survival and quality of life. The NAPBC Standards address the following domains:

- A multidisciplinary, team approach to coordinate the best care and treatment options available
- Access to breast-specific information, education, and support
- Breast center data collection on quality indicators for subspecialties involved in breast cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care
- Information about participation in clinical trials and new treatment options

*Strengthen your program. Improve your outcomes.  
Become a NAPBC-accredited breast center.*

**THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS**

## Rigor. Structure. Excellence.

Each breast center must undergo a rigorous evaluation and review of its performance and compliance with the NAPBC Standards. To maintain accreditation, breast centers must undergo an on-site survey review every three years to validate performance and ensure compliance.

## Get Started. Take These Steps.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
<p><b>Pre-Submission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Download the current version of the <i>National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers Standard Manual</i></li> <li>• Ensure that your center has 12 months of program activity</li> <li>• Conduct an internal assessment to demonstrate compliance with the standards</li> </ul>	<p><b>Submission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and submit the online application</li> <li>• Electronically sign the ACS Business Associate and Data Use Agreement (BAA/DUA)</li> <li>• <i>The NAPBC will notify the program when their application is processed, and BAA is received</i></li> <li>• Center is invoiced for the accreditation fee</li> </ul>	<p><b>Post-Submission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive access to the NAPBC accreditation portal</li> <li>• Provide dates for a NAPBC site visit</li> <li>• Receive formal confirmation of site visit date</li> <li>• Surveyor conducts on-site review and submits report to the NAPBC for processing</li> <li>• Receive survey results/ performance report within 45 days of on-site visit</li> <li>• Promote your NAPBC accreditation</li> </ul>

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## ACS CANCER PROGRAMS

### The Authority in Cancer Staging, Standards, and Quality

Representing leaders in cancer care and aiming to improve cancer patient care, our nationally recognized programs—the Commission on Cancer, the American College of Surgeons Cancer Research Program, the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer, the National Cancer Database, and the American Joint Committee on Cancer—all work to help your program provide high-quality cancer care.



#### COMMISSION ON CANCER (CoC)

The CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, which promotes cancer prevention, research, education, and monitoring of comprehensive quality care.


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Program of the American College of Surgeons  
and the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology

#### CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM (CRP)

The Cancer Research Program, in conjunction with the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology, works to reduce the impact of cancer by increasing knowledge and awareness of new evidence and practice standards, increasing the participation of community oncology surgeons in cancer research and cancer care activities, developing and implementing evidence-based practices in surgical oncology, and creating opportunities for meaningful health services research.

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### NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR BREAST CENTERS (NAPBC)

The NAPBC represents a consortium of national, professional organizations focused on breast health and dedicated to the improvement of quality outcomes of patients with diseases of the breast through evidence-based standards and patient and professional education.

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### COMMISSION ON CANCER NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR RECTAL CANCER (NAPRC)

The NAPRC was developed through a collaboration between the OSTRiCh Consortium (Optimizing the Surgical Treatment of Rectal Cancer) and the Commission on Cancer with the goal of providing patients with rectal cancer appropriate care using a multidisciplinary approach.

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### NATIONAL CANCER DATABASE (NCDB)

The NCDB, sponsored by the American College of Surgeons and the American Cancer Society, is a clinical oncology database sourced from hospital cancer registry data collected in more than 1,500 CoC-accredited cancer programs. NCDB data are used to analyze and track patients with malignant neoplastic diseases, their treatments, and outcomes. Data represent more than 70 percent of newly diagnosed cancer cases nationwide.

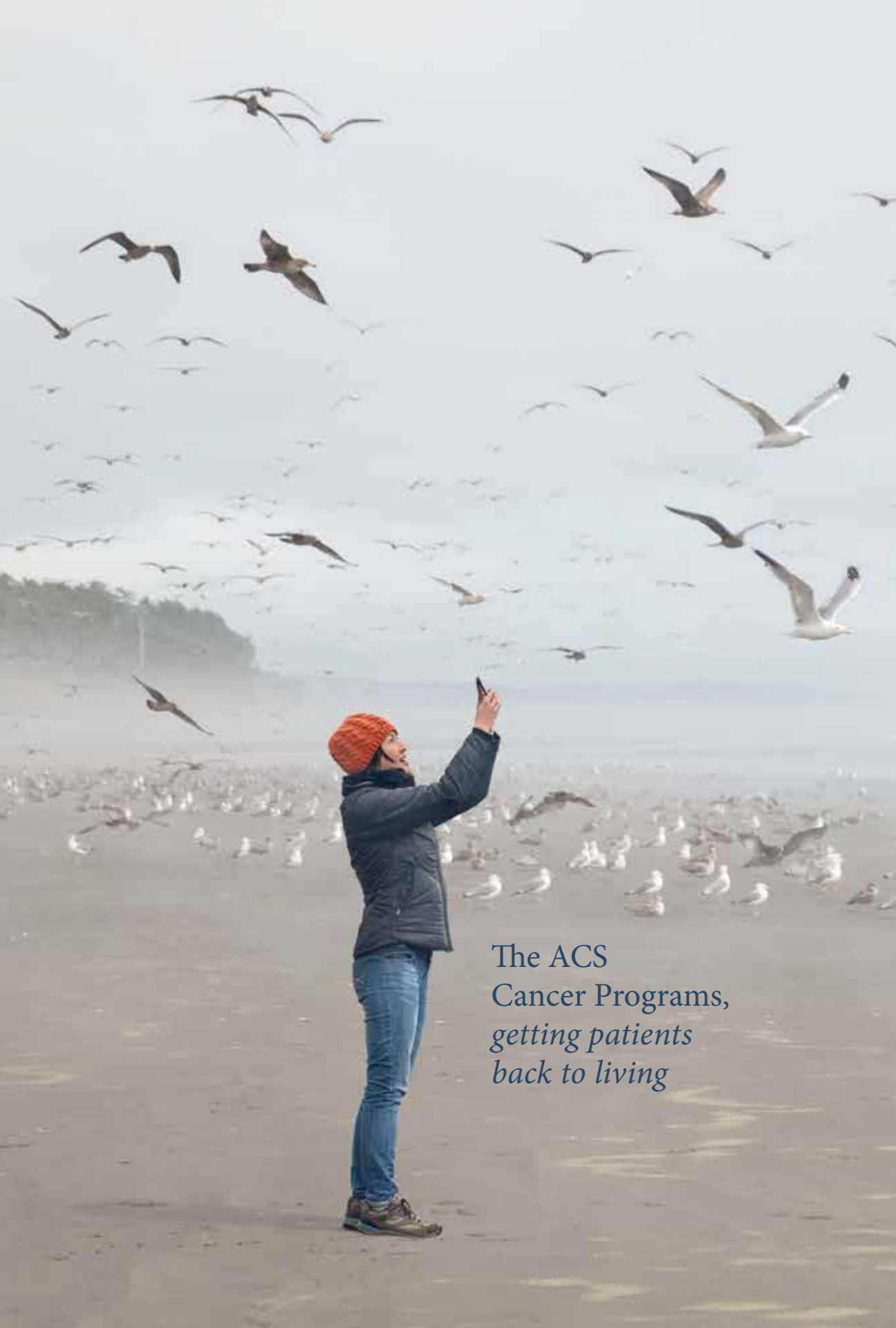
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### AMERICAN JOINT COMMITTEE ON CANCER (AJCC)

The AJCC provides worldwide leadership in the development, promotion, and maintenance of evidence-based systems for the classification and management of cancer in collaboration with multidisciplinary organizations dedicated to cancer surveillance and to improving care.

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The ACS  
Cancer Programs,  
*getting patients  
back to living*



When you make a commitment to achieve accreditation, you make a promise to deliver the very best care for cancer patients.

When you make a commitment to excellence, you make a promise to patients.

Commit to excellence in cancer care.  
*Achieve accreditation.*



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