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The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Cancer Information Service (CIS)

educates the public about cancer prevention, risk factors, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and research.

- CIS specialists provide the latest, most accurate information about cancer by telephone, TTY, instant messaging, and e-mail.
- The CIS operates the NCI's Smoking Quitline (1-877-44U-QUIT).
- Through its Partnership Program, the CIS works with established national, regional, and state organizations to reach those most in need of cancer information.
- The CIS takes part in health communications research to find new and better ways to educate people about health.

For information and publications, call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or visit <http://www.cancer.gov>.

NCI Press Releases / Newscenter Items

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/>.

- Alternative Vaccine Strategy Shows Promise in Prostate Cancer Patients (08/15/08)
- New Research Results Explain How Dormant Tumor Cells Become Active in Later Years (8/1/08)
- Imaging Techniques Yield New Information on How HIV Infects Cells and Provides Clues to Vaccine Design (7/30/08)
- Laboratory and Mouse Studies Show Targeted Drug Blocks the Growth of Breast Cancer Cells that Spread to the Brain (7/29/08)

NCI Fact Sheet Collection

New, revised and reviewed titles.

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/>.

In English:

- Acrylamide in Food and Cancer Risk (FS 3.96, 7/29/08)
- Angiogenesis Inhibitors Therapy: Questions and Answers (FS 7.42, 8/13/08)
- Breast Cancer Prevention Studies (FS 4.18, 7/23/08)

In Spanish:

- Estudios clínicos: preguntas y respuestas (FS 2.11s, 7/14/08)
- Las vacunas contra los virus del papiloma humano: preguntas y respuestas (FS 4.21s, 8/12/08)

National Health Observances

This calendar comes from the National Health Information Center Web site:

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp?year=2008>.

September observances:

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Looking forward to October observances:

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
National Health Education Week (20th-24th)
Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (13th)
National Mammography Day (17th)

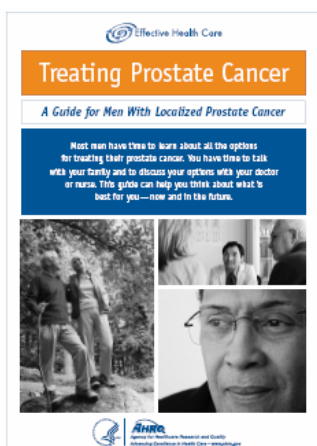
NCI Resources of Interest



NCI collects nationally representative data about the American public's use of cancer-related information. This is the HINTS survey, the Health Information National Trends Survey. Recently issued is the "HINTS Brief #10: Focus on Survivorship", which explores how people who

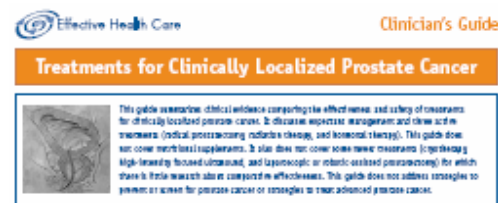
have been touched by cancer actively use available resources to seek information about the disease. Short articles and a few graphics are presented in a two-page document. The resource (and other information and data) can be found at <http://hints.cancer.gov/briefs.jsp>.

Other Publications and Resources of Interest



The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has recently released plain-language guides for consumers and clinicians that outline the latest scientific evidence on the effectiveness and risks of eight prostate cancer treatments, including surgery to remove a patient's prostate, treatment with radioactive implants, or no treatment at all. In 2007, about 218,000 men were diagnosed with prostate cancer, and about 27,000 died from the disease. The annual cost of treatment is more than \$2 billion. The consumer-targeted guide, *Treating Prostate Cancer: a Guide for Men with Localized Cancer*, pictured at left, is the newest in a series of comparative effectiveness guides from AHRQ's Effective Health Care program. The clinician's guide, *Treatments for Clinically Localized Prostate Cancer* (below), includes additional information, including a confidence scale that rates available evidence. Copies of either guide can be downloaded as PDF documents at [http://](http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=sg)

effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=sg. Print copies of the guides are also available by sending an e-mail to ahrqpubs@ahrq.hhs.gov.



Task Force Says Men Age 75 and Older Should Not Be Screened for Prostate Cancer (8/4/08)

<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2008/tfproscanpr.htm>

Vitamin C Injections Slow Tumor Growth in Mice (8/4/08)

<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2008/niddk-04.htm>

FDA Clears Test that Helps Identify Type of Cancer in Tumor Sample (7/31/2008)

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01870.html>

NIDDK [National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases] Publishes a Strategic Plan for Research into Benign Prostate Disease (7/25/08)

<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jul2008/niddk-25.htm>

FDA Rule and Companion Guidance Make Early Stage Clinical Drug Development Safe and Efficient (7/18/08)

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01863.html>

National Events of Interest

Achieving Excellence, Harmony, and Balance: Transforming Health Professions Education in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

September 9–10, 2008

Alyeska Resort, Girdwood, AK

http://www.pathwaysintohealthconference.org/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,1/



NCI's President's Cancer Panel Meetings – Environmental Factors in Cancer: Industrial and Manufacturing Exposures

September 16, 2008 – New Brunswick, NJ

<http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/pcp/agenda.htm>

National LGBTQ Anti-Tobacco Summit

September 22-23, 2008

Sheraton Suites Country Club Plaza, Kansas City, MO

<http://lgbttobacco.googlepages.com/2008>



Methodological and Conceptual Issues in Conducting Research on Racial/Ethnic Discrimination in Health Care Delivery ~ NEW ~

September 29, 2008 (deadline to register: September 18)

Natcher Conference Center, NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD

<http://www.cancermeetings.org/HCD/>



APHA Annual Meeting: Public Health Without Borders

October 25-29, 2008

San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

Registration Deadline: September 22

<http://www.apha.org/meetings/highlights/>

American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) Annual Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer ~ NEW ~

November 6-7, 2008

Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC

http://www.aicr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=res_rc_home



NIH Summit – The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities ~ NEW ~

Sponsored by National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

December 16-18, 2008

Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, MD

<http://ncmhd.nih.gov/>



Call for Proposals: NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation (January 2009) ~ NEW ~

Proposals due September 26, 2008

Dr. Helen Meissner, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, NIH

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