

Dear **Kentucky Cancer Consortium** Partners:

The Kentucky Cancer Consortium (KCC) is pleased to provide you with the **February 15, 2017** issue of “Wednesday’s Word” (see table below), a bi-weekly KCC communication relaying recent state and national cancer control articles, resources, events and tools to your “cyber-doorstep”. You may read archived editions on [our website](#). If your organization has a cancer- related item for Wednesday's Word, feel free to contact Katie Bathje at katie@kycancerc.org

Sincerely, Kentucky Cancer Consortium Staff

CATEGORY	TITLE
ACA & Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% of Kentucky Adults Without Health Insurance Are Working • Some Kentuckians worry about changes to Obamacare, Medicaid; others dislike insurance mandate and say coverage unaffordable • What Made Obamacare Succeed In Some States? Hint: It’s Not Politics • Lung Cancer Alliance, American Lung Association, and 18 other lung cancer organizations joined together to send a letter to Congress that encourages members to consider the many advancements in lung cancer early detection and treatment, and the impact of their decisions on those living with or at risk for lung cancer, as they consider policies addressing access to quality and affordable healthcare. In addition, read LCA’s position on “Repealing and Replacing” the ACA.
Breast Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JOURNAL ARTICLE: Impact of a False-Positive Screening Mammogram on Subsequent Screening Behavior and Stage at Breast Cancer Diagnosis. Dabbous et al., Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention, 2017 Feb 9.
Cancer Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REMINDER: Kentucky Cancer Summit will be held on March 1-2, 2017 at the Muhammed Ali Center, 144 N. Sixth Street, Louisville, KY 40202. Over 150 colleagues are already registered for this unique opportunity to network with like-minded cancer control partners! View the agenda, and Register today!
Chemotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Cooling Caps’ May Halt Chemo-Linked Hair Loss: One of two trials was stopped early because results were so strong
Childhood Cancers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancers Enjoy Good Sexual Health: Study finds especially toxic treatments were tied to later issues, but most rated sex lives as positive
Colon Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the Colon Cancer Prevention Project’s week-long blog series on why it is essential for on-time screening to start talking about colon cancer before the age of 50. • Surgery on Sunday in Louisville, a nonprofit organization that provides free colonoscopies and outpatient surgical procedures to uninsured and underinsured residents of Kentucky, has been awarded the “80% by 2018 National Achievement Award”!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer Moonshot Blue Ribbon Panel recommendation acts as catalyst for the National Cancer Institute’s Screen to Save (S2S) Colorectal Cancer Outreach and Screening Initiative. • REMINDER: The Colon Cancer Prevention Project’s “Fighter’s Fund” grants will now be awarded monthly instead of quarterly. The Fund provides one-time grants to colon cancer patients in Kentucky and Southern Indiana who need it most.
Community Health Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REMINDER: The Kentucky Association of Community Health Workers will meet on Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort on 1800 Newton Pike in Lexington, KY. This meeting will be held in conjunction with a Community Health Worker (CHW) Programming Informational Seminar, introducing (or re-introducing) the benefits of CHW programming to potential CHW employers, as well as an incentive opportunity to entities willing to initiate CHW programming. A continental breakfast, plenaries, breakout sessions and lunch will be provided. Registration and promotional materials will be available soon. For information, contact Gina Brian at ginal.brien@ky.gov
Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study shows cancer deaths in counties across the nation, revealing clusters that have lagged far behind national cancer efforts. Of the over 3,000 counties in the United States, 6 of the 10 counties with the highest cancer mortality rates were found in Kentucky. Here is the link to the original JAMA article. • One Obstacle to Curing Cancer: Patient Data Isn’t Shared
Environmental Carcinogens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kentucky Cancer Consortium hosted a webinar in January highlighting radon and lung cancer. The slides from the presentation are now available: KCC, KARP, and KDPH Joint Presentation; and the BREATHE, Radon Policy Research Program and UK College of Nursing Program Joint Presentation.
Genetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too Few High-Risk Women Tested for Breast Cancer Gene: Survey -- Only half got BRCA screen, and more than half of those who didn't said doctors never recommended it • Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) Research Network Study Identifies Genomic Features of Cervical Cancer
Health Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study finds premature death rates diverge in the United States by race and ethnicity • Non-English Speakers Less Likely to Be on Kidney Transplant List: Study finds language a barrier to getting needed care
Hospice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terminally Ill Obese People Less Likely to Get Hospice Care: And those who did get end-of-life services had fewer days than slimmer patients, study finds
Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A: Kentucky youths missing out on cancer vaccine

Insurers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With \$37B Aetna deal off, Humana will listen to other offers
Lung Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lung Cancer Screening Rates Remain Low • Lung Cancer Alliance has newly revised the patient education booklet “Targeted Therapy for Lung Cancer.” View and download it here. If you work at a healthcare facility and would like to order this or other educational materials for your patients, email your request to materials@lungcanceralliance.org.
Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kentucky Medicaid Covered More Than 650,000 Adult Kentuckians in 3rd Quarter 2016
Medicare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CMS Medicare Learning Network has compiled an online educational tool to help providers and office staff navigate coding of Medicare Preventive Services. Browse the tool to find information on a variety of cancer screening services. • Browse this easy to read National Library of Medicine webpage covering the basics of Medicare coverage for your patients.
Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Partnership for a Fit KY: 5 Ways to Celebrate Kentucky Heart Month
Patient Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JOURNAL ARTICLE: Resource Use and Medicare Costs During Lay Navigation for Geriatric Patients With Cancer, Rocque et al., JAMA Oncology. Published online January 26, 2017. • CDC Announces New Replication Manual for an Effective Patient Navigation Model to Increase Colonoscopy Screening
Pharmacology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academics call “time!” on \$100,000 cancer drugs
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAMA Editorial: Impact of US Immigration Ban on Oncologists and Patients -- Oncology Knows No Borders
Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight Loss Tied to Lower Risk of Uterine Cancer: Benefit was greatest in women who were obese and achieved a normal weight, study suggests • What You Don't Know About Cancer Can Kill You: Too few Americans realize that obesity, alcohol and inactivity boost risk for disease, survey finds • Mental Health May Affect Chances Against Cancer: Early research suggests anxiety, depression might raise risk of dying from certain malignancies
Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Elderly Needing Home Medical Care, Are Nurse Practitioners the Answer? Restrictions in some U.S. states are an obstacle, researcher says.
Survivorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEBINAR: The George Washington University (GW) Cancer Center invites you to join their upcoming webinar, Raising the Bar: How a Small Community Cancer Center is Working to Meet Survivorship Care Planning Standards. Practitioners from Mercy Cancer Center in Canton, Ohio will present how they integrate

	<p>survivorship care throughout the cancer care continuum. Register today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer Survivors Gain From Web-Based Health Care: But some patients reported missing face-to-face contact, study found • When Loved One Has Breast Cancer, Partner Suffers, Too: Anxiety is common even several years later, study finds • Exercise Rates Often Decline After Cancer Diagnosis: But researchers say physical activity can improve recovery and survival chances • Flu Cases Spiking Across the United States: CDC -- Hospitalizations and deaths among kids and adults on the rise. Visit CDC's website entitled "Cancer, the Flu and You" for information and resources for your patients. • REMINDER: Friend for Life Cancer Support Network is seeking cancer survivors and caregivers to become Peer Navigator volunteers to provide emotional support to persons beginning a similar cancer journey. Training will be held Saturday, March 25th in Louisville, KY.
Tobacco Control	<p>Tobacco Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kentucky Senate Bill 89 would require barrier-free access to FDA-approved smoking cessation programs, through an insurance mandate <i>(2/15/17 Update: Bill passed unanimously out of Senate Health & Welfare Committee today!)</i> • Senate bill would curb smoking at Kentucky schools • FDA Takes First-Ever Action to Regulate How Tobacco Products Are Made – Proposal to Limit Carcinogen Levels in Smokeless Tobacco Would Reduce Cancer, Save Lives • American Lung Association's 2017 'State of Tobacco Control' report: Kentucky Gets All "Fs" • Freedom From Smoking® Facilitator Trainings are scheduled for the dates/locations below. The \$100 registration fee includes FFS Facilitator Guide, certificate of course completion, continental breakfast and lunch. To register, contact Tami Cappelletti at tami.cappelletti@lung.org. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LaGrange, KY: February 21, 2017 (flyer; registration) ○ March 28 Paducah , KY ○ April 25 Frankfort , KY <p>To schedule trainings in your area of the state, and discuss scholarships by contacting Bobbye Gray at bobbye.gray@ky.gov or 502-564-9358 ext. 4017. In addition, Freedom From Smoking® Facilitator Recertification will be available via 90-minute webinars in the upcoming months. The recertification will extend certification for three years. Tami Cappelletti will contact those in need of being recertified.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Lung Association is hosting a “Not On Tobacco” Training (to learn how to facilitate under 18 age group cessation) in Louisville on March 2, 2017. To register, contact Tami Cappelletti at tami.cappelletti@lung.org. <p>E-Cigarettes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KY Health Issues Poll: Younger and Lower-Income Adults More Likely to Try E-Cigs • Toxic Metals Found in E-Cigarette Liquid: Their presence in 5 brands studied is troubling, researchers say • E-Cigs May Be 'Bridge' to Teens' Tobacco Use: 'Vapers' seem much more likely to give real smokes a try, study finds <p>Secondhand Smoke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke-Free Public Housing Cuts Secondhand Fumes: Nicotine levels down by almost 50 percent among residents of four properties in Philadelphia
<p>Events</p>	<p>Events in Louisville</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONFERENCE: Kentucky Cancer Summit will be held on March 1-2, 2017 at the Muhammed Ali Center, 144 N. Sixth Street, Louisville, KY 40202. Over 150 colleagues are already registered for this unique opportunity to network with like-minded cancer control partners! Summit objectives include: cancer screening guidelines; impact of social determinants of health on cancer screenings; action steps on ways your organization can increase recommended cancer screenings in Kentucky focused on breast, cervical, colon and lung cancers. Register today! • FUNDRAISER: The Colon Cancer Prevention Project is proud to announce the 7th annual Bottoms Up Bash at Mellwood Arts Center In Louisville on March 3rd from 7 p.m. to Midnight. The Bottoms Up Bash is held every year on National Dress in Blue Day to kick off Colon Cancer Awareness Month. Guests will enjoy a night of dancing and music to benefit the Colon Cancer Prevention Project. • PEER NAVIGATOR TRAINING: Friend for Life Cancer Support Network is seeking cancer survivors and caregivers to become Peer Navigator volunteers to provide emotional support to persons beginning a similar cancer journey. Training will be held Saturday, March 25th in Louisville, KY. • LOUISVILLE: Media Workshop. The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky is offering an in-person workshop to help nonprofit organizations work effectively with the media to improve news coverage of their efforts. The workshop will take place on Friday, April 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Foundation’s offices on 1640 Lyndon Farm Court, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40223. Click here to register. This FREE workshop has limited seating, so register early!

- There are **MULTIPLE upcoming** events and support groups are being held at [Gilda's Club Louisville](#), from Wellness Groups to book clubs to support for caregivers.

Events of Interest (in chronological order)

- **SAVE THE DATE:** The [Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium's 2nd Annual Colorectal Cancer Symposium will be held May 3-5, 2017 in San Juan, Puerto Rico!](#)
The goal of this symposium is to increase colorectal cancer screening rates in the southeastern states through regional collaboration. Registration details coming soon.
- The [2017 CDC National Cancer Conference](#) will be held on **August 14th through 16th** at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. Next year's conference theme: **"Visualizing the Future through Prevention, Innovation, and Communication."** The conference represents an opportunity to translate research into practice and improve public health through innovation and collaboration. **Coming soon...** the call for abstracts and registration!