

Dear **Kentucky Cancer Consortium** Partners:

The Kentucky Cancer Consortium (KCC) is pleased to provide you with the **January 10, 2018** issue of “Wednesday’s Word”, 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](mailto:katie@kycancerc.org)

Sincerely, Kentucky Cancer Consortium Staff



CATEGORY	TITLE
ACA & Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Proposed Health Plan Rule Likely to Leave Patients with Insufficient Coverage at Higher Costs</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Obamacare Helped More Americans Spot Cancer Early</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Despite Compressed Sign-Up Period, ACA Enrollment Nearly Matches Last Year’s</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Despite Doomsday Predictions, Insurers Who Stuck With Health Law Likely To Have Profitable Year</a></li> </ul>
Breast Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Acupuncture May Reduce Treatment-Related Joint Pain for Breast Cancer Patients</a></li> <li>• The National Cancer Institute’s cancer information summaries are reviewed regularly and updated as new information becomes available. The <a href="#">NCI Breast Cancer Screening (PDQ®)–Health Professional Version</a> summary was comprehensively reviewed, extensively revised, and reformatted in late December 2017.</li> </ul>
Cancer Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Facts &amp; Figures 2018: Rate of Deaths From Cancer Continues Decline: Cancer mortality drops another 1.7%</a></li> <li>• <b>REMINDER - WEBINAR: The National Cancer Institute’s</b> Epidemiology and Genomics Research Program hosts a <a href="#">quarterly webinar series, Cancer Epidemiologic Research in Understudied Populations</a>. Join us for the next installment in the series: <b>Cancer Prevention and Control Research in Appalachian Kentucky next <b>Wednesday, January 17, 2018</b> from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET</b>, with speaker <a href="#">Robin Vanderpool, Dr.P.H., C.H.E.S.</a>, Associate Professor, Department of Health Behavior &amp; Society, University of Kentucky. Dr. Vanderpool will be discussing best practices and lessons learned from the <a href="#">Appalachian Center for Cancer Education, Screening, and Support (ACCESS)</a> and the <a href="#">UK Rural Cancer Prevention Center (RCPC)</a> projects. <a href="#">Register now.</a></li> <li>• <b>REMINDER - CONTINUING EDUCATION:</b> CDC’s <i>MMWR</i> and Medscape are proud to introduce a new <a href="#">FREE continuing education (CE) activity</a> that describes US incidence of and deaths from cancer during the last decade: <a href="#">Invasive Cancer Incidence, 2004–2013, and Deaths, 2006–2015, in Nonmetropolitan and Metropolitan Counties — United States</a>. This activity is intended for public health officials and healthcare providers that treat and manage patients with or at risk for cancer. To access this FREE <i>MMWR</i> / Medscape CE activity visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/cme/medscape_cme.html">https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/cme/medscape_cme.html</a>. If</li> </ul>

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Chronic Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Can we get better at treating chronic illness? 3 ways to do it</a></li> </ul>
Colon Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Fusobacterium May Help Colorectal Cancer Grow and Spread</a></li> </ul>
Community Health Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JOURNAL ARTICLE:</b> <a href="#">Community Health Workers in the United States: Challenges in Identifying, Surveying, and Supporting the Workforce</a>. Sabo et al. <i>American Journal of Public Health</i> 107, no. 12 (December 1, 2017): pp. 1964-1969.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Four practice characteristics facilitate integration of community health workers</a></li> </ul>
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">High Costs Keep Many Cancer Patients From Needed Drugs</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Why the U.S. Spends So Much More Than Other Nations on Health Care</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The uninsured are overusing emergency rooms — and other health-care myths</a></li> </ul>
Environmental Carcinogens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JOURNAL ARTICLE:</b> <a href="#">Association of Short-term Exposure to Air Pollution With Mortality in Older Adults</a>. Di et al. <i>JAMA</i>. 2017; 318 (24): 2446-2456.</li> </ul>
Genetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Genomic Profiling Tests Cleared by FDA Can Help Guide Cancer Treatment, Clinical Trial Enrollment</a></li> </ul>
Head and Neck Cancers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Chronic Heartburn Tied to Higher Odds for Head, Neck Cancers</a></li> </ul>
Health Disparities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">As Income Rises, Women Get Slimmer -- But Not Men</a></li> </ul>
Health Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">HLK and UK-CHSR Collaborated on First Kentucky Health Literacy Award</a></li> </ul>
Hospice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Many with Deadly Brain Cancer Don't Opt for Hospice Care</a></li> </ul>
HPV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WEBINAR:</b> KCC is hosting a webinar next <b>Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup></b> from 12pm – 1pm EST with University of Kentucky guest speaker, <a href="#">Dr. Emily Messerli</a>, presenting on “<a href="#">HPV and Cancer</a>”. The HPV vaccine holds the promise to safely and dramatically reduce the rate of and prevent many kinds of cancers. Join us as we dive deeper into this important topic! <a href="#">Register today</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Lexington Herald-Leader OP-ED from Dr. Messerli: HPV vaccine saves lives</a></li> </ul>
Leukemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Drug Combination Improves Outlook for Some Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia</a></li> </ul>
Lung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Could certain foods help ex-smokers' lungs heal?</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Even smokers may benefit from targeted lung cancer treatments</a></li> </ul>

Obesity, Physical Activity and Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tobacco-settlement funds will subsidize summer meal programs' purchase of Kentucky fruits and vegetables</a></li> </ul>
Palliative Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JOURNAL ARTICLE:</b> <a href="#">New Persistent Opioid Use Among Patients With Cancer After Curative-Intent Surgery</a>. Lee et al. Journal of Clinical Oncology 35, no. 36 (December 2017) 4042-4049.</li> </ul>
Pediatric & AYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JOURNAL ARTICLE:</b> Bhakta et al. <a href="#">The cumulative burden of surviving childhood cancer: an initial report from the St Jude Lifetime Cohort Study (SJLIFE)</a>, In The Lancet, Volume 390, Issue 10112, 2017, Pages 2569-2582, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(17)31610-0">https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(17)31610-0</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Survival among young adults with cancer hasn't changed much over three decades</a></li> </ul>
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Senate Chair of Health and Welfare Committee Sees Possibilities for Cigarette Tax Hike</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">GOP senator pre-files bill to raise cigarette tax by \$1, use money to pay for Medicaid treatment of tobacco-related illnesses</a></li> </ul>
Survivorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This free online training series aims to provide community agencies and non-profits (outside of the medical setting) with the skills and background knowledge to describe the cancer burden and use relevant strategies and resources to support cancer survivors in their communities. Offered by the <a href="#">University of Colorado Cancer Center (UCCC), in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center (RMPHTC)</a>, the February 2018 4-session ECHO course will help orgs learn to accommodate, promote, and connect with cancer survivors to engage in their programs. <a href="#">Read more and register.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Handling the Holidays When You Have Cancer</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cancer and Careers!'s</a> popular <a href="#">Educational Series for Healthcare Professionals</a> is returning in 2018! Through five sequential sessions we will explore the issues faced by survivors balancing work and cancer. Registration now open!</li> </ul>
Telehealth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2017 State Telehealth Laws and Reimbursement Program Policies:</b> The updated fifth edition of "State Telehealth Laws and Reimbursement Policies" from the Public Health Institute's <a href="#">Center for Connected Health Policy (CCHP)</a> offers policymakers, health advocates, and other interested health care professionals the most current summary guide of telehealth-related policies, laws, and regulations for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Read the <a href="#">full report</a> and <a href="#">fact sheet</a>, or <a href="#">browse the interactive map</a></li> </ul>
Tobacco Control	<p><b>Tobacco Control</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Poll finds 69 percent of Kentucky voters support increasing the state cigarette tax by \$1 a pack, to \$1.60</a></li> <li>• <b>REMINDER: KET (Kentucky Educational Television) is airing two Kentucky made programs about smoking issues as part of their KET Health Initiative.</b> These programs are funded, in part, by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. "<a href="#">Calling It Quits: Real Help to Stop Smoking</a>" examines evidence-based strategies that dramatically improve a person's chances of quitting and "<a href="#">Teen Smoking Prevention</a>" shares about efforts in KY to reduce smoking and other tobacco use among teenagers in KY.</li> </ul> <p><b>Electronic cigarettes</b></p>

- [Another study finds teens who use non-cigarette tobacco products, like e-cigarettes, are more likely to try cigarettes](#)
- [Marijuana and vaping are more popular than tobacco cigarettes among U.S. teens, but in Ky. use of the three are about equal](#)

#### Tobacco Treatment

- [Poor adults on Medicaid more likely to quit smoking in expansion states like Ky. but only 26% of Ky. smokers use cessation benefit](#)
- Several [Freedom from Smoking Facilitator Trainings](#) are scheduled throughout the state this year. Contact Tami Cappelletti to register: [Tami.Cappelletti@lung.org](mailto:Tami.Cappelletti@lung.org)
  - **January 24, 2018**, Louisville, KY
  - April 11, 2018, Louisville, KY
- Schedule a [Freedom From Smoking® Facilitator Training](#) in your region! Contact Bobbye Gray at [bobbye.gray@ky.gov](mailto:bobbye.gray@ky.gov) or 502-564-9358 ext. 4017. In addition, Freedom From Smoking® Facilitator Recertification is available via 90-minute webinars. The recertification will extend certification for three years. Tami Cappelletti will contact those in need of being recertified.

#### Events of Interest (in chronological order)

- **SAVE THE DATE:** The will conduct a pediatric cancer awareness event on [International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day, February 15, 2018](#) in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort from 12pm - 1pm.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** [American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network](#) is hosting their [“Day at the Capitol”](#) on **Wednesday, February 21, 2018** in Frankfort, KY. Join us for a day of engaging our state lawmakers to ensure that they make cancer a top state priority! To volunteer for ACS CAN: email [kristy.young@cancer.org](mailto:kristy.young@cancer.org) or Call 859-260-8289. Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/acscankentucky](http://www.facebook.com/acscankentucky)
- Join [Cancer and Careers](#) on **March 23, 2018** in Chicago for the [5th Midwest Conference on Work & Cancer](#)! This free event explores the complexities of balancing treatment and recovery with employment and is open to patients, survivors, caregivers, healthcare professionals\* and anyone else touched by cancer.
- **LEXINGTON:** Mark your calendar for **KCSP’s 2018 Spring Conference, *Sharing the Smoke-free Story***. The conference will be held in Lexington Convention Center, Elkhorn Room, Lexington, KY on **Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup>** and will feature a **preconference on the afternoon of Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>** hosted by the Kentucky Department for Public Health’s Kentucky Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program. Stay tuned for further details, and share the date with community leaders, policymakers, and citizen advocates who might be interested.

Events