

# Community Network Program to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities Among Older, Underserved African American Adults (Detroit CNP)

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## Do you know the startling truth about mortality and Detroit area older adults?

- Older African Americans in the Detroit area are dying faster than older adults in the rest of the state.
- The death rate for Detroit area older adults between the ages of 50 and 59 is over 122% higher when compared to the rest of Michigan.
- This high death rate includes the premature deaths of approximately 1,600 Detroit older adults per year.
- Chronic illness, poor access to care and poverty cause too many older adults to delay medical treatment until their illness is advanced.

## How can the Detroit CNP help?

The purpose of the Detroit CNP is to reduce cancer health disparities by actively engaging in community-based participatory education/intervention, training, and research (conducted by, for, and with the community) among African American men and women ages 55 and older. The central goals are (1) to increase and improve access to and utilization of beneficial cancer interventions to reduce the unequal burden of cancer on underserved African American older adults in Metropolitan Detroit; and (2) to vigorously train researchers to address cancer health disparities in the Detroit area in order to seek solutions for these problems in the future.

## QUICK FACTS

The CNP focuses on four specific cancers shown to have the greatest impact on our target population: breast cancer, prostate cancer, colorectal cancer and lung cancer.

### Breast Cancer

- African American women are more likely to die from breast cancer than Caucasian women.
- The older a woman is, the more likely she is to get breast cancer.
- Carrying extra weight after menopause increases the risk of breast cancer.

### Colon Cancer

- A diet that is high in fat, especially fats from animal sources, can increase the risk of colorectal cancer.
- People with diabetes have a 30% to 40% increased chance of developing colorectal cancer.
- Obesity increases your chances of dying from colorectal cancer.
- African American females have the highest incidence rates for colon and rectal cancer, and African American males have the highest incidence and mortality rates for colon and rectal cancers.

### Lung Cancer

- The incidence of lung cancer among African American males is 117.2 per 100,000 people, compared to 77.9 of Caucasian males.
- Non-smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be women than men.
- Since 1964, more than two million American smokers have died from smoking-related lung cancer.

### Prostate Cancer

- One in five men will develop prostate cancer during his lifetime.
- African American men have the highest incidence rate of prostate cancer, with a rate twice that of Caucasians.
- The older a man is, the more likely he is to be diagnosed with prostate cancer.

The Detroit CNP, which consists of 22 community organizations, five research organizations, and five clinical organizations, has just completed its first year. The group created enduring partnerships to facilitate and sustain education, research and training programs to reduce cancer disparities. In year two, the Detroit CNP is developing community-based participatory research and training projects to promote secondary prevention behaviors including early detection, treatment seeking and routine surveillance. Finally, in years three, four and five, the Detroit CNP plans to implement, evaluate and sustain effective interventions and research.

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