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[Breast-Feeding Lowers Mom’s Breast Cancer Risk: Study](#)

[How Body May Detect Early Signs of Cancer](#)

[Gum Disease May Be Linked to Cancer Risk in Older Women](#)

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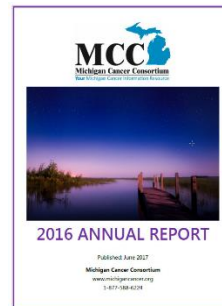
[NCI-COG Pediatric MATCH Trial to Test Targeted Drugs in Childhood Cancers](#)

[MCC Calendar of Events](#)

MCC Annual Report

2016 Annual Report Released in June

The MCC Annual Report is now available! The report was distributed at the June Board meeting and mailed to all MCC Member representatives. If you did not receive your report and would like one, please contact Amy Stagg. The report is also available online. MCC Co-Chairs are asking that you share this report with colleagues, community partners and your organization's communication staff. Based on feedback at the June Board meeting, a 1 page cancer burden infographic has been developed and is now available.

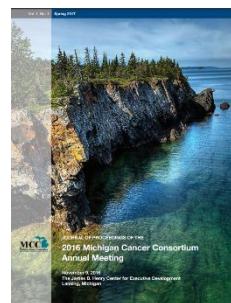


[Access the 2016 Annual Report](#)

MCC Journal of Proceedings

MCC Creates Journal of Proceedings Highlighting the 2016 Annual Meeting

The MCC Journal captures the quality, diversity, and breadth of the MCC annual meeting. Included in full are the peer-reviewed and approved abstracts, the keynote and concurrent session presentations, and the 2016 annual meeting award honorees.



[Access the 2016 Journal of Proceedings](#)



New MCC Member Organizations

The MCC Welcomes Three New Organizations

- **[The Physician Alliance-May 10th](#)**

The Physicians Alliance is an organization of physicians, whose mission is to improve the health of patient populations by assisting our physicians in achieving clinical excellence.

- **[Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center-May 15th](#)**

Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center is a private not-for-profit health center that operates 9 service delivery locations throughout Michigan.

- **[Imerman's Angels – Michigan Chapter-June 9th](#)**

Imerman Angels provides personalized peer connections that enable one-on-one support among cancer fighters, survivors and caregivers.

Parents Not Keeping Up with Teen Vaccines

Vaccines are an important strategy for keeping people healthy and preventing the spread of illness. In the US, vaccines have long been recommended for babies and at kindergarten entry; more recently, several vaccines have been recommended for the adolescent age group. However, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate that national vaccination rates are well below public health targets for certain adolescent vaccines, particularly those that require more than one dose, such as meningitis vaccine, human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, and annual flu shots.

According to the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health, most parents reported their teen definitely (79%) or probably (14%) has gotten all vaccines recommended for his or her age. However, many parents were unclear when or if their teen is due for another vaccine. Nineteen percent said their teen is supposed to get another vaccine within the next year, and 26% believed additional dose(s) would be due in more than a year. One in five (19%) said their teen does not need any more vaccines, while 36% did not know about the need for additional vaccines.

Parents named the doctor's office as the primary way they know when their teen is due for another vaccine: either because the doctor's office scheduled an appointment for vaccination (44%), the doctor or nurse mentioned vaccination while the parent/teen were at a doctor visit (40%), and/or the doctor's office sent a reminder that a vaccine was due (11%). Infrequently, parents received a notice from their teen's school (10%), health plan (1%) or the public health department (0.3%). Ten percent of parents weren't sure how they would know when a vaccine is due.

To address the challenge of teen vaccines, the CDC recently revised the format of its recommended vaccine schedule to put a focus on age 16 years, to ensure that teens receive the second dose of meningococcal vaccine on time, to provide an opportunity to catch up on any remaining doses of HPV or other vaccines, and to discuss the new meningococcal B vaccine. This new schedule may help providers put more of a focus on the unique needs of older teens, including scheduling well-child visits at age 16 to address immunizations and other aspects of preventive care.

Source: C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, July 17, 2017



American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) Update

ACS CAN August 2017 Blog Update

Andrew Schepers

The ACS CAN have been active in four major areas this year: tobacco and cancer prevention, healthy food access, and topics surrounding the Affordable Care Act, and oral chemotherapy.

Tobacco and cancer prevention continues as a top priority for ACS CAN. Our intention is to continue to monitor and update stakeholders with related activities.

Our second activity has to do with healthy food access. ACS CAN is working with coalition partners to discuss a onetime grant that would be distributed to convenience stores to install equipment that would make it easier to sell fresh fruits and vegetables in their stores.

Farmers markets are a great location to get fresh foods, and in the past few years SNAP benefits have been allowed to be used at farmer's markets. One of the major hurdles is the way that SNAP benefits are taken. Farmers markets will now receive assistance that allows them to accept SNAP payments from wireless devices and assistance to purchase those wireless devices.

Fresh fruits and vegetables have a hard time making into our children's lunches sometimes. Local farmers have the produce but have hard times making it into the school systems. That all changed with the 10 Cents a Meal program. This is a pilot program in northern Michigan that is providing schools 10 extra cents per child per meal to purchase fresh produces from local growers. Additional funding for the 10 Cents a Meal program will be included in this year's budget. These additional funds will be used to continue and expand the pilot program into Washtenaw County to help schools get these fresh fruits and vegetables while helping local growers in the process.

As you may have heard in the news, the efforts continue to repeal and replace the Affordable

Care Act. These efforts have been unsuccessful, and we will continue to monitor activities related to this topic.

Oral chemotherapy fairness is another topic the ACS CAN is focusing on. Stay tuned for related information.

Reach out to Andrew Schepers at andrew.schepers@cancer.org or Matt Phelan at matt.phelan@cancer.org if you have any questions or comments or visit the ACS CAN website for more information.



Kick Butts Day 2017

On March 15, 2017, Tobacco Free Michigan (TFM) Board Members Kelley Mapes and Libby Stern brought students to Lansing to visit the Capitol, and hold a press conference in conjunction with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

TFM Board member Matt Phelan spoke at the event, along with TFM Executive Director Angela Clock. The students also got to take a tour of the Capitol!

We are excited that these young people are engaged in the process, and working to end commercial tobacco use!

Source: Tobacco Free Michigan, August 2017



“First in Human” Documentary Highlights NCI Immunotherapy Research

William L. Dahut, MD, National Cancer Institute



First in Human (link is external), a documentary capturing the real-life experiences of doctors, researchers, staff, patients and their caregivers at the NIH Clinical Center. Photo credit: National Cancer Institute

We're very excited at NCI about the forthcoming Discovery Channel special, *First in Human*, which will feature some of the groundbreaking work on cancer immunotherapy being done at the NIH Clinical Center. The three-part series—scheduled to run on August 10, 17, and 24—will feature NCI researchers and staff leading trials of a type of immune-based cellular therapy known as adoptive cell transfer (ACT).

Immunotherapy is one of the most exciting areas of cancer research and the strides that have been made in just the past few years are nothing short of remarkable. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved six immune checkpoint inhibitors for a growing number of cancers, including [Hodgkin lymphoma](#), [lung cancer](#), and [melanoma](#). And with literally hundreds of ongoing clinical trials and new checkpoint inhibitors being developed, that number is likely to expand.

NCI has long been at the forefront of the immunotherapy movement, and our researchers

continue to push the boundaries of what's possible with immune-based treatments. Researchers at NCI and cancer centers across the country will participate in this network, which should further accelerate progress in making immunotherapy a treatment option for many more patients.

For those who are interested in learning more about ACT, NCI has informative resources that discuss and explain these exciting therapies:

[Immune cell therapy](#)
[CAR T-cell Therapy: Engineering Patients' Immune Cells to Treat Their Cancers](#)
[CAR T Cells Expanding into Multiple Myeloma](#)
[Cellular Immunotherapy Targets Common Human Cancer Mutation](#)

Source: National Cancer Institute, August 7, 2017



Reminder!

The [MCC has three awards](#): Champion, Inspiration, and Spirit of Collaboration. Check them out and think about who you will nominate.

2017 MCC Meetings

Board Meetings (12 pm – 3 pm):

Wed, Sept 27

Annual Meeting (Lansing):

Wed, Nov 8

For more information: 877-588-6224

MCC Website

Be sure to visit the [MCC website](#) to find provider and patient resources