

Introduction

This document represents priorities from both the Michigan Cancer Consortium's (MCC) Policy Committee and Health Disparities Workgroup; they have been approved by the MCC Board of Directors. To enhance the utility of this document for MCC members, links to evidence-based strategies and additional information are provided for implementation of the listed priority.

Key:



Policy-related priorities



Health disparities priorities

1.0 Prevention

- 1.1.  **Smoking Cessation: Provider reminder systems**
Recommended strategy: Provider reminder systems: whether used alone or as part of a multicomponent intervention (provider reminder systems with provider education); across a range of intervention characteristics (chart stickers, checklists, and flowcharts), and in a variety of clinical settings and populations. For more information, go to www.thecommunityguide.org/tobacco/cessation/providerremindedu.html.
- 1.2.  **HPV Vaccination: Referral for vaccination**
Recommended strategies: Health care system-based interventions implemented in combination; immunization information systems; provider assessment & feedback; provider reminders; standing orders when used alone; community-based interventions implemented in combination. For more information, go to www.thecommunityguide.org/vaccines/universally/index.html.
- 1.3.  **Healthy Lifestyles: Develop partnerships**
Recommended strategy: Partner with state, local and community efforts to increase the awareness of health inequity that perpetuate health disparities in our communities. For a list of potential MCC partners, go to www.michigancancer.org/AboutTheMCC/RosterOfMembers.cfm.
- 1.4.  **Smoking Cessation: Reaching minority populations**
Recommended strategies: Encourage health professionals to screen youth about tobacco use during all their health care visits with referral to treatment as appropriate; promote and support organizational partnerships in interventions that specifically target minority populations with higher rates of tobacco use; work with the Michigan Multicultural Network and other partners to develop and distribute Quitline promotional material that is culturally competent and customized for populations that are disparately affected by tobacco. For more information, go to www.thecommunityguide.org/tobacco/cessation/index.html or www.michigan.gov/tobacco.

2.0 Early Detection

- 2.1.  **Colorectal Cancer Screening: Patient reminder system**
Recommended strategies: Client reminders (letter, postcard, email, telephone message) advising people that they are due for screening. Client reminders may be enhanced by one or more of the following: follow-up printed or telephone reminders; additional text or discussion with information about indications for, benefits of, and ways to overcome barriers to screening; assistance in scheduling appointments. For more information, go to www.thecommunityguide.org/cancer/screening/client-oriented/reminders.html.
- 2.2.  **Colorectal cancer screening referral**
Recommended strategies: provider reminder systems; client reminder systems; one-on-one education; reducing structural barriers; and small media. For more information, go to www.thecommunityguide.org/cancer/screening/client-oriented/index.html.
- 2.3.  **Colorectal Cancer: Proper follow-up for abnormal results**
Recommended strategy: Patient navigation and tracking and/or reminder systems. For more information, go to www.ons.org/Publications/Positions/Navigation.
- 2.4.  **Prostate Cancer Screening: Shared decision making**
Recommended strategy: The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends against prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening for men that do not have symptoms. Organizational policies should support time for shared decision making to take place between the physician and patient. For more information, go to www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/prostatecancerscreening/prostatefinalrs.htm.
- 2.5.  **Family history questionnaire**
Recommended strategy: Family history questionnaires can be effective at obtaining a family history and accurately assessing eligibility for genetic testing, as well as guiding clinical care. Establish policies that support collecting family history information of patients for discussion with their healthcare provider. For more information, go to www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives2020/overview.aspx?topicid=15.
- 2.6.  **Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Screening: Use of evidence-based interventions**
Recommended strategies: Provide appropriate cancer screening information utilizing evidenced-based interventions (one-on-one education, small media) focusing the message for never or rarely screened men and women; those in counties with high cancer incidence or mortality rates; and minority men and women. For more information, go to www.thecommunityguide.org/cancer/index.html.

3.0 Survivorship

- 3.1.  **Provide cancer survivors with a plan and share treatment summary with their primary provider**
Recommended strategy: Establish policies supporting the implementation of survivorship care plans. For more information, go to www.cancer.org/treatment/survivorshipduringandaftertreatment/survivorshipcareplans/index.

- 3.2.  **Provide patient navigation services**
Recommended strategy: Establish policies related to attaining patient navigation services that aid in providing: accurate identification of barriers to care; improved sharing of resources; enhanced continuity of care; improved quality of services; and increased patient satisfaction. For more information, go to www.ons.org/Publications/Positions/Navigation.

- 3.3.  **Develop partnerships to reach minority populations**
Recommended strategy: Promote and support organizational partnerships that decrease barriers to survivorship resources for minorities and underserved populations. For a list of potential MCC partners, go to www.michigancancer.org/AboutTheMCC/RosterOfMembers.cfm.

4.0 Equity in Care

- 4.1.  **Cultural training of their staff**
Recommended strategy: Do a comprehensive cultural competence assessment of your organization, including knowledge and awareness of specific characteristics or variations (e.g. rural or urban) within distinct geographic locations served by your organization. Determine which instruments best match the needs and interests of your organization. Use the assessment results to develop a long-term plan with measurable goals and objectives to incorporate culturally competent principles, policies, structures, and practices into all aspects of your organization. Among others, this may include changes in your mission statement, policies, procedures, administration, staffing patterns, service delivery practices, outreach, telecommunications and information dissemination systems, and professional development activities. For more information, go to www.thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/Content/clas.asp or ctb.ku.edu/en/tablecontents/sub_section_main_1176.aspx.

5.0 Policy

- 5.1  **Data collection**
Recommended strategy: Promote adoption of the Office of Management and Budget guidelines for race/ethnicity data collection. For more information, go to www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreq_race-ethnicity/ or www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/templates/content.aspx?ID=9227.

6.0 Other

- 6.1  **Bio-specimens**
Recommended strategy: Increase culturally appropriate community and patient education regarding cancer research including biospecimen collection and cancer behavioral and clinical trials. For more information, go to www.cancer.gov/aboutnci/recovery/recoveryfunding/investmentreports/disparities.