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## Michigan Cancer Consortium’s 2019 Annual Meeting - Taking the Lead: Inclusion in Cancer Care

The Michigan Cancer Consortium will be holding its 2019 Annual Meeting on **Thursday, October 24, 2019**.

The Opening Session will feature a panel discussion on providing inclusive care for LGBTQ communities. This session will be facilitated by [Regina Washington, DrPH, Program Director at LGBT HealthLink](#).

Three Concurrent Sessions will explore the following topics:

- Detroit Street Care
- Liver Cancer – An Emerging Issue
- Improving Survivor Quality of Life through Referrals to Community-Based Survivorship Services

You can find more information about the concurrent sessions in the following pages of this update.

Meeting Details:

- The Annual Meeting will be held at the **Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center**, East Lansing, MI
- Annual Meeting 8:45am-2:00pm  
MCC Board Meeting 2:30pm-4:00pm

For more information or to register for the event, please see the following links:

[2019 Annual Meeting Online Registration](#)

[2019 Annual Meeting Brochure and Registration Form](#)

*This will be a full day of education, networking, and recognizing cancer control activities in Michigan. We hope you are making plans to join us!*



## Opening Session: Providing Inclusive Care for LGBTQ Communities

The Opening Session will feature a panel discussion where individuals will be able to share personal stories that represent the communities we serve, as well as the barriers they experience. The panelist will also share strategies for collaboration between the LGBTQ and various organizations with hopes of changing the narrative of care. This session will be facilitated by Regina Washington, DrPH, Program Director at LGBT HealthLink.

Dr. Washington, DrPH, is the new Director of Program Operations for LGBT HealthLink working toward eliminating health disparities within the LGBT communities as it relates to tobacco cessation and cancer control. She has over 15 years of experience in community, governmental, academic institutional leadership, combined, related to strategic planning, program/policy development, implementation, and evaluation. Her presentations, projects, and writings have been focused on health disparities, health education, and health policy, specifically related to tobacco cessation and cancer control. Her public health practice focuses on geographic, social, behavioral factors associated with cancer health disparities among low socioeconomic status, minority racial/ethnic, and other disadvantaged populations.

Dr. Washington is also a nonprofit strategic consultant specializing in organizational strategic mapping, identifying and engaging partners, program design, provider-patient communication, health equity, tobacco cessation, and cancer health disparities.

Dr. Washington obtained her bachelor's degree in biology from Berea College, master's degree in education from Eastern Kentucky University, Doctor of Public Health from the University of Kentucky, completed a CERTA fellowship with the National Cancer Institute, and is one of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Public Health Leadership Scholars. She has achieved numerous leadership and service awards.

## Concurrent Session 1 – Detroit Street Care

- Eliana Small, OMS-II and DSC President
- Thayer Morton, OMS-II
- Allison Jennens, OMS-III
- Jaclyn Israel, OMS-III

Detroit Street Care (DSC) is an organization at the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM), that is dedicated to providing medical care to those experiencing homelessness in Detroit. This inclusive care model provides preventive care and long-term treatment, alleviates patient burden to local emergency departments and seeks to determine best practices to make positive change in the homeless community. As DSC volunteers, students gain valuable skills, develop as future physicians and most importantly, help provide essential services to our underserved patients experiencing homelessness.



## Concurrent Session 2 – Liver Cancer: An Emerging Issue

- Kimberly Brown, MD; Associate Director of the Henry Ford Transplant Institute
- Taylor Olsabeck, MPH; Cancer Epidemiologist, at MDHHS
- Teresa Wong, MPH; Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, at MDHHS

Liver cancer has become one of the fastest growing cancers in the US over the last several years. Learn about liver cancer data trends in Michigan, the role of viral hepatitis, risk and harm reduction strategies, and treatment options for liver cancer.

## Concurrent Session 3 – Improving Survivor Quality of Life through Referrals to Community-Based Survivorship Services

- Shelly Frazier, Cooking Matters
- Jackie Herigodt, Imerman Angels
- Jen Nicodemus, Michigan YMCA
- Marth York, Cancer, Thriving and Surviving

After cancer treatment ends, survivors may have ongoing physical and emotional needs. From psychosocial support to lifestyle interventions, many community-based organizations are available to assist with meeting the needs of survivors. This session will provide knowledge about community-based survivorship services available to survivors.

## Poster and Abstract Session

The poster and abstract session at the 2019 MCC Annual Meeting will cover a variety of topics, including, but not limited to:

- Cancer Early Detection Tests
- Tips and Tricks for Quitting Tobacco
- Assessment of Screening Barriers in Arab American Community
- Using Spatial Analyses to Drive Breast and Colorectal Cancer Detection Programs
- Radon in Michigan
- Oral Cancer Screenings and Knowledge of HPV Among Oral Health Professionals
- Hereditary Cancer Network Database

For more information on the submission process, please visit the [Posters and Abstracts for Review submission page](#).



## 2019 MCC Meetings

### Board Meetings (12pm - 3pm):

Wednesday, September 25

The topics that will be discussed at this meeting are:

CAR (chimeric antigen receptor) T-cell presentation

Cancer Burden presentation

Michigan Assessment of Oral Cancer Screenings and Knowledge of Human Papillomavirus among Oral Health Professionals

MCC Cancer Plan revision process

ACS CAN update

To RSVP for the September Board Meeting please visit the [RSVP Page](#).

### 2019 Annual Meeting:

Thursday, October 24

## Health Equity Corner

### Health Equity Member Organization Highlight

#### InheRET, Inc.

InheRET is web-based decision support software that identifies patients at increased risk for hereditary disease, increasing patient access to preventative care, especially in underserved populations. Approximately 20% of Americans have a family history of cancer that may be hereditary, yet fewer than 10% of these have been identified and referred to genetic counseling.

Written at a 4th grade reading level to address health literacy, patients access InheRET from web-enabled devices at their convenience. Patient-submitted health histories are interpreted against National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines® and other national best-practice guidelines, producing clear reports containing a detailed pedigree, risk indicators, next steps for both healthcare providers and patients, and links to a library of education resources. InheRET reduces clinical barriers of time, accuracy, and interpretation of family health history.

Multiple providers in three clinics pilot tested InheRET: Dexter Family Medicine, University Health Services, and Michigan Medicine Breast and Ovarian Risk Evaluation Clinic. As of July 31, 2019, 628 patients consented and >88% of those patients completed their InheRET health history. 84.4% of patients found InheRET easy to use and 96.7% found it easy to understand. Those with a high-school education or less gave the highest ratings and 72.4% of those individuals stated it increased their cancer awareness.

InheRET strives to be uniquely accessible in regions with underserved populations to identify and refer patients, who may access tele-counseling services in lower resource settings.

For more information, please visit [www.inheret.com](http://www.inheret.com).