The American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons: Celebrating 100 years of Collaboration

Since the founding of both organizations in 1913, the American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons have worked together to improve the quality of cancer care in the United States. The strength of the 100-year collaboration supports Society engagement with over 1500 cancer programs accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, which serve approximately 70% of newly diagnosed cancer patients. In addition, joint initiatives funded by the Society have made significant contributions to the delivery of quality cancer care, access to society patient services, physician engagement, cancer research, and epidemiology.

The National Cancer Data Base (NCDB)
The Cancer Liaison Program
The American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC)
Collaborating to Serve the Community

The ACS works through the community to serve the community, patients, and patients’ families.

The CoC works through cancer programs & healthcare professionals to serve the community, patients, and patients’ families.

Collaborate - to labor together; to cooperate with an agency or instrumentality with which one is not immediately connected

Promoting awareness of CoC-accreditation:

Promoting awareness of CoC-accreditation:
• CoC Hospital Locator
• “Cancer Resource Connection”

The CoC Hospital Locator has been available to the public via the Commission on Cancer website:
The CoC Hospital Locator – A Valuable Marketing Tool for CoC-accredited Programs

The CoC Hospital Locator offers a unique opportunity to CoC-accredited cancer programs:
• Increasing Visibility
• Highlighting Market Strengths and Services Available
• Promoting Quality Care Close to Home

The CoC Hospital Locator helps patients in making cancer treatment decisions by:
• Assisting patients to locate CoC-accredited hospitals
• Providing information on medical services and treatments available at CoC-accredited hospitals
• Providing information on supportive services available at CoC-accredited hospitals
• Providing information on specific cancers treated at CoC-accredited facilities that release caseload information to the public.

The Society’s “Cancer Resource Connection”

• Over 65,000 local & national resources
• Available to the public:
  - cancer.org
  - National Cancer Information Center
    1-800.227.2345
• Transportation, lodging, support groups, wellness programs and other services available from the Society, local and national organizations, & local hospitals
• CoC-accredited facilities can submit programs & services for consideration at:

Example:
Abbott Northwestern Hospital– CoC-accredited facility in Minneapolis, MN

| Program | Support - Breast |
|---------|----------------
| Category | Support Groups and Support Services |
| Description | Offering support to individuals and those affected by breast cancer |

Resource Specific Information:

| Program Title | Offering Support through The Breast Image Guided Breast, Breast Imaging Center, and Breast Support Group to breast cancer patients and others affected by breast cancer |
| Program Specific Details | Education, support, and treatment options for breast cancer patients and others affected by breast cancer |

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National Cancer Information Center

- Created in 1997 to serve patients, families, caregivers and health professionals with cancer related information, connection to ACS patient programs and referrals to national and local resources.
- Available to the public 24/7; 365 days a year
- Databases includes referrals across the country by zip code and county
- Available by phone, chat, email and social media.

American Cancer Society and Hospital System Partnership

The American Cancer provides a systemized approach for working with health care systems in developing a strategic plan of action for engagement to support the health care systems and American Cancer Society’s core values and needs.

American Cancer Society and Hospital System Partnership

Supporting Commission on Cancer Program Standards:

- Cancer Committee Participation
- Partnership Update Report
- Collaborative Action Plan
- Supporting Commission on Cancer Surveys
Cancer Committee Participation

Example of collaboration
Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis MN

- The American Cancer Society is an Ad Hoc Member of the Cancer Committee
- Cancer Committee standing agenda item
- American Cancer Society Partnership Report

Example:
Abbott Northwestern Hospital– CoC-accredited facility Minneapolis, MN

The American Cancer Society can provide accredited programs with additional information on American Cancer Society resources provided in the Collaborative Action Plan Guide to support specific Standards and Eligibility Requirements.
Example:
Abbott Northwestern Hospital – CoC-accredited facility Minneapolis, MN

Collaborative Action Plan

The Collaborative Action Plan reflects the ongoing commitment between the American Cancer Society and Abbott Northwestern Hospital to improve the quality of cancer care by enhancing community cancer care. The plan includes several key components:

- Quality improvement initiatives
- Clinical practice guidelines
- Patient education

In order to achieve these goals, the Society and Abbott Northwestern Hospital have identified the following collaborative activities:

- Implementation of guidelines for early detection and treatment of cancer
- Provision of patient education and support services
- Continuous quality improvement initiatives

Commission on Cancer Survey Support

Example of collaboration
Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis MN

- Commission on Cancer day of Commission on Survey attendance and participation
- American Cancer Society and healthcare system collaboration
  - American Cancer Society Partnership Handout
  - American Cancer Society and healthcare system short presentation on collaboration

Example:
Abbott Northwestern Hospital – CoC-accredited facility Minneapolis, MN
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