

The American Cancer Society National Consortium for Cancer Screening and Care (ACS National Consortium) is dedicated to establishing a collective response to the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to its detrimental impact on our progress in cancer screening and care in the U.S.

GOALS

The ACS National Consortium has convened to identify key areas of opportunity where we, as a nation, can catalyze change by accelerating, strengthening, and mobilizing around sensible but bold, cancer screening and care activities.

Accelerate



Our responses to long-standing and emerging barriers to cancer screening and care.

Strengthen



Our preparedness, infrastructure, and partnerships to minimize disruptions and address inequities.

Mobilize



Around sustained, coordinated commitments to promote cancer screening and care as a public health priority and improve the long-term effectiveness of screening programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Throughout 2021, the ACS National Consortium developed recommendations that inform a national response and improvement plan for cancer screening and care. The recommendations aim to not only accelerate our recovery from the pandemic but also to build resilience and improve the nation's ability to provide quality cancer screening and care for all.

Accelerate



National Partnerships: Accelerate the collective action of partnerships, coalitions, and roundtables to influence the adoption of evidence-based cancer screening interventions, policies, and strategies.



Coordinated Messaging: Accelerate a coordinated, innovative campaign to promote cancer screening as a national public health priority.



Proven Programs: Accelerate screening efforts by supporting and expanding proven programs that effectively reach communities that are historically excluded and underserved.



Quality Measures: Accelerate the adoption of improved quality measures, accountability measures, and institutional goal-setting.



Pandemic-related Innovations: Accelerate innovations and interventions that better expand our capacity in cancer screening and care.

Strengthen



Comprehensive Preparedness Planning: Strengthen health system and community preparedness plans for health disruptions by including cancer and other chronic disease care in the plans.



Documenting & Understanding Cancer Disparities: Strengthen the understanding of outcomes in cancer screening and care by collecting and utilizing demographic and social determinants of health data.



Public Trust: Strengthen the trust in public health and health care systems by using a forward-looking, whole-person approach.



Transdisciplinary Teams: Strengthen transdisciplinary teamwork in support of health care delivery.

MEMBERS

The ACS National Consortium is an invited group of over 30 individual members that represent government agencies, leading cancer advocacy organizations, professional societies and associations, research institutions, national roundtables and collaboratives, leading health organizations, and other relevant industry leaders and partners. This diverse, multi-sectored, and influential cohort of voices is relentlessly dedicated to the safe and equitable recovery of cancer screening and treatment services as the nation continues to respond to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACS National Consortium Member Organizations

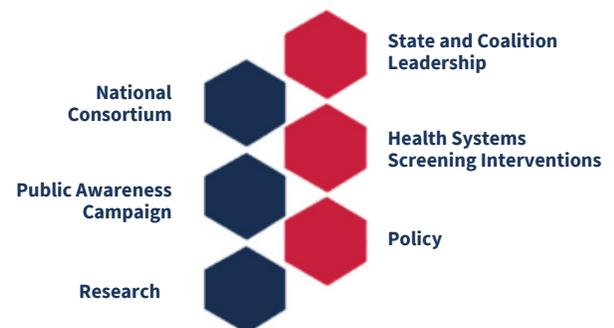
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- American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Bristol Meyer Squibb
- CVS Health/Aetna
- Cancer Support Community
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Comprehensive Cancer Control National Partnership
- Genentech
- Health Resources and Services Administration
- National Alliance for Hispanic Health
- National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
- National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network
- National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
- National LGBT Cancer Network
- National Lung Cancer Roundtable
- National Navigation Roundtable
- Novartis Oncology
- OCHIN
- Pfizer
- President's Cancer Panel
- Prevent Cancer Foundation
- Stand Up To Cancer

ACS GET SCREENED INITIATIVE

In February 2021, ACS and ACS CAN kicked off a nationwide initiative to encourage patients to resume appropriate cancer screening and follow-up care. This initiative is designed as a comprehensive and multi-sector movement to dramatically and swiftly increase cancer screening rates to pre-pandemic levels.

This initiative is structured around six building blocks required to recover to and then exceed beyond previous cancer screening and care indicators.

Initiative Building Blocks



The ACS's enterprise-wide screening initiative, of which the National Consortium is a core component, is supported by generous sponsors including founding sponsor, Genentech, a member of the Roche Group alongside National Football League, Merck (known as MSD outside the United States and Canada), Novartis Oncology, Pfizer Oncology, BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company), Bristol-Myers Squibb, Intuitive, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, Amgen, Roche Diagnostics and Regeneron/ Sanofi-Genzyme.



QUESTIONS?

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