

CPCRN Workgroup/Interest Group Fact Sheets

Project: Rural Cancer Workgroup

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About: Research has shown that rural communities in the United States are often at increased risk of cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality compared to their urban counterparts. Similarly, declines in the overall cancer burden seen nationally have not occurred as rapidly in rural communities. The primary objective of the Rural Cancer Workgroup is to leverage the resources, relationships, and diverse expertise of the CPCRN to conduct impactful and innovative rural cancer research that improves outcomes for rural residents, as well as capacity for rural health care providers and organizations. The Workgroup is happy to collaborate with other Workgroups and Interest Groups on areas of shared interest.

Planned Products and Deliverables:

- Currently engaged in a variety of research studies designed to identify barriers and facilitators to rural cancer equity across the cancer continuum, Workgroup members are involved in one or more of the following activities:
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts– initiatives to address equity and inclusivity for diverse, rural communities, including examination of the extent to which cancer-relevant hospital designations/accreditations consider equity, including racial/ethnic, rural, etc.
 - State Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Planning Efforts
 - Interviews with state comprehensive cancer program directors to assess engagement of rural partners in planning processes [*in analysis*]
 - Interviews with tribal organization comprehensive cancer program directors to assess plan development [*in development*]
 - Use of publicly available survey and registry data to explore rural-urban cancer disparities, including:
 - National Cancer Database (NCDB) work on breast, colorectal and cancer