

# Working Together to Move the Needle on Quality, Equitable Cancer Care

JOIN THE ASSOCIATION OF CANCER CARE CENTERS AS A CANCER PROGRAM MEMBER

## JOIN OUR DIVERSE, MULTIDISCIPLINARY ORGANIZATION

ACCC represents members nationwide from all care delivery settings: independent physician practices, enterprise-level physician networks, small hospital cancer programs, major integrated delivery networks, academic cancer programs, and everything in between.

ACCC supports all members of the multidisciplinary cancer care team: physicians, administrators, business leaders, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, supportive care providers, researchers, and more.

ACCC members receive resources and connections that help them navigate the accelerating course of change – programmatically, operationally, fiscally, and clinically.

ACCC unites members around the common goal of providing exceptional patient care and positively impacting the lives of patients and their families.

#### **ACCC PRIORITIES INCLUDE A COMMITMENT TO:**

- Advance equitable access to quality comprehensive cancer care, including clinical trials
- Develop educational content that addresses the professional interests of all care team members
- Support member response to federal and state legislation that impacts programs and patients
- Bring providers and patient advocacy organizations together to create educational programming that positively impacts the patient experience and outcomes
- Advocate for the recognition—and compensation—of comprehensive cancer care services

- Contribute to the development of sustainable workforce models and solutions to promote staff well-being
- Implement person-centered, sustainable approaches to cancer screening and early detection
- Provide essential knowledge on clinically impactful biomarker testing, new cancer diagnostic assay development, and fundamental precision medicine education
- Leverage healthcare technologies to transform cancer care delivery and the patient experience



Our 2023 Impact Report reflects how we collaborated as a community to innovate and adapt to meet the hurdles of delivering quality cancer care. View highlights, watch videos from ACCC members, and explore key resources at accc-cancer.org/impact-report-2023

# We are Moving the Needle on SCREENING AND EARLY DETECTION

- ACCC launched the "Rural Appalachian Lung Cancer Screening Initiative" to develop and implement person-centered and sustainable approaches to increase lung cancer screening in rural America. The White House recognized this program during a Cancer Moonshot forum for its potential to jumpstart cancer screenings across the nation.
- To understand how cancer programs' screening and outreach education efforts are recovering from pandemic pressures, ACCC shared strategies from members in "The Long Road to Recovery: A Snapshot of Cancer Screening in the U.S."

# We are Moving the Needle on **HEALTH EQUITY**

- The ACCC Community Oncology Research Institute (ACORI) works to establish clinical trials as a standard of care in treatment plans and to help achieve equitable cancer care delivery. A Call to Action Summit identified 200+ action items for engaging patients, caregivers, and their communities to strengthen oncology research.
- ACCC and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) formed a partnership to increase racial and ethnic diversity in cancer clinical trials in the US, with a specific focus on Black and Hispanic patients. The ASCO-ACCC Initiative released resources to help research sites increase racial and ethnic equity. diversity, and inclusion in cancer clinical trials. The Just Ask™ Training Program, an online learning experience using real-world examples of implicit bias, the companion Just Ask™ Training Facilitation Guide, and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Research Site Self-Assessment represent a full and complementary set of resources that can help research sites address barriers to participation in cancer clinical trials among racial and ethnic populations that have been historically underrepresented.

## We are Moving the Needle on PRECISION MEDICINE IMPLEMENTATION

- ACCC's precision medicine portfolio provides essential knowledge on cancer screening updates, clinically impactful biomarker testing, new cancer diagnostic assay development, and fundamental education for multidisciplinary team members through webinars, podcasts, publications, resource libraries, and more.
- ACCC is focused on reducing barriers to biomarker testing implementation by streamlining verbiage and defining terminology, so all care team members have a shared understanding of precision medicine fundamentals.

## We are Moving the Needle on QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

 Developing quality improvement programs aimed at reducing health care disparities and improving the standard of care received by patients with hematologic cancers are key priorities in ACCC's educational portfolio. To date, ACCC's portfolio includes acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), acute myeloid leukemia (AML), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), measurable residual disease (MRD) testing, multiple myeloma (MM), myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs), diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), and myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). ACCC conducted a process improvement initiative "Fostering Excellence in Care and Outcomes in Patients with Stage III/IV NSCLC," which resulted in the creation of tools that incorporated the latest evidence and clinical practice guidelines.



The ACCC 2024-25 President's Theme "Reimagining Community Engagement and Equity in Cancer" will be explored through quarterly tech talks, podcasts, articles, blogs, education sessions, and more.

"When I was growing up...community engagement, learning from people and listening to hear people's stories, their narratives and their experience was always a critical part of what my family taught me was important," Dr. Barrett shared. "And I've taken that work and that knowledge and that understanding into being a person that really focuses on community outreach, engagement, and the opportunity to use that to advance equity in health."

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### Membership is \$1,260/year and provides EVERY member of your team with practical, problem-solving resources.

ACCC membership runs July 1 - June 30.

- ACCC's journal, Oncology Issues, delivers practical solutions and strategies to help your cancer program achieve programmatic and financial success.
- How-to's covering precision medicine, immunotherapy, molecular testing, specialty pharmacy, oral oncolytics, and more.
- Access to the breaking public policy and advocacy issues affecting the oncology team and its patients through legislative updates and participation in Capitol Hill Day.
- ACCCeXchange—a dynamic, members only online community for networking and sharing real-time feedback and solutions.
- Complimentary Oncology Reimbursement Meetings addressing the complexities of business and operations, programmatic tools, and coding and billing.

- Complimentary access to the ACCC Financial Advocacy Boot Camp online course to empower your program to help cancer patients navigate the complex and fragmented healthcare system to pay for treatment—while maximizing reimbursement at your program
- Generous discounts to ACCC's Annual Meeting (Spring) and National Oncology Conference (Fall).
- Opportunity to participate in onsite or virtual personalized quality improvement workshops and learning labs designed specifically for your multidisciplinary team.



To join, visit accc-cancer.org/join/cancer-program-membership to download the application.

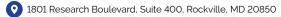


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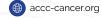
## The Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC) is the leading education and advocacy organization for the cancer care community.

Founded in 1974, ACCC is a powerful network of over 40,000 multidisciplinary practitioners from 1,700 hospitals and practices nationwide. As advances in cancer screening and diagnosis, treatment options, and care delivery models continue to evolve—so has ACCC-adapting its resources to meet the changing needs of the entire oncology care team.





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"Our ACCC membership enables us to stay engaged with other organizations in the fight against cancer. This was especially helpful during the pandemic as we all had to pivot and learn new approaches to how we do business. Collaboration is critical and ACCC enables us to do so in meaningful ways."



#### Renea Duffin, MPA

Vice President, Cancer Support and Outreach, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center (Cancer Program Member since 1987)



"ACCC has served as the leader for the 'nuts and bolts' of building and improving our programs. Their educational information is expansive and practical and is an important resource as we tackle issues like the pandemic, evolutions in practice, or practice-based issues like reimbursement. ACCC has done a great job staying a few years ahead of most practices and tackling the issues we see daily."



#### Douglas Flora, MD, LSSBB

Executive Medical Director, Oncology, St. Elizabeth's Cancer Center (Cancer Program Member since 1979)



"Despite being geographically disparate, contributing to and learning from the wider ACCC community brings us together in a way that ultimately accelerates improvement in cancer care delivery for our patients which is why we show up every day."



#### — Mark Liu. MHA

Director, Strategic Initiatives, Oncology Service Line, Mount Sinai Health System (Cancer Program Member since 2013)