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#### **ACCC: Together We Are Stronger**

**VIDEO** Cancer care is a team effort, and ACCC is here to help you provide exceptional patient care. With a powerful network of more than 24,000 multidisciplinary practitioners and 2,100 cancer programs ranging from small rural clinics to large academic centers, ACCC represents every oncology discipline and care setting. ACCC provides information that members need to thrive-not just survive-in an evolving field and healthcare environment. accc-cancer.org/home/about.

#### **Struggling to Pay for Critical SURVEY** | Supportive Care Services?

To inform policy and value-based payment reform, ACCC is surveying its members on their current capacity and the barriers they face to delivering essential oncology supportive care services. The survey addresses a comprehensive list of supportive cancer care services, so you may need to consult with your colleagues to answer some questions. Take this critical survey today at: bit.ly/SupportiveCareSurvey.

#### **ACCC Financial Advocacy Services RESOURCE** Guidelines

Whether your program is already providing financial advocacy services or is just in the planning stages, these guidelines offer the structure and support needed to advance your work. The guidelines address the critical need for early intervention by financial advocates to mitigate the financial burden of cancer. accc-cancer.org/FinancialAdvocacyGuidelines.

#### Innovation in Cancer Care **BLOG** Delivery—What's in the Way?

At the ACCC 44th Annual Meeting & Cancer Center Business Summit, a distinguished panel of healthcare experts discussed a wide range of topics, including interoperability, cost, quality, and innovation in cancer care delivery. Read more from AMA President-Elect Dr. Barbara McAneny, CMMI Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anand Shah, Humana Senior Vice President and CMO Dr. Roy Beveridge, and Biden Cancer Initiative President Greg Simon. accc-cancer.org/amccbs-panel-2018.

#### "Testing" the Relationship WEBINAR Between Pathologists, Surgeons, and Oncologists

This first webinar of a three-part series on care coordination in immunotherapy provides an assessment of the current diagnostic landscape in immuno-oncology, discusses the value of biomarker testing and its impact on patient care, and outlines practical steps for optimizing coordination and communication between pathologists, surgeons, and oncologists. accc-cancer.org/testing-the-relationship.



2 of Cleveland Clinic's 2018 **Top 10 Medical Innovations Impact Oncology** 

- Arsenal of Targeted Breast Cancer Therapies. For breast cancer patients that are BRCA1 or BRCA2 positive, there is new hope for a targeted therapy that is already seeing success in the ovarian cancer market.
- Scalp Cooling for Reducing Chemotherapy Induced Hair Loss. This has been shown to be highly effective for preserving hair in women receiving neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy for early-stage breast cancer.

Source. Cleveland Clinic. innovations.clevelandclinic.org/Summit/Top-10-Medical-Innovations/Top-10-for-2018.aspx.

# **Most Americans Unfamiliar with Blood Cancers**

- A majority of survey respondents were surprised that there are no means of preventing or screening for most blood cancers (86%), and that more than 1/3 of blood cancer patients still do not survive 5 years after diagnosis (82%).
- More than **4** in **5** adults (**82%**) did not know that blood cancers • are the **3rd** leading cancer killer of Americans.
- 78% were unaware that acute lymphocytic leukemia is the most common cancer in children and young adults under age **20**.
- Leukemia is the most recognized, according to 7 in 10 adults (72%).
- Only 1/4 of adults (24%) associate lymphoma as a blood cancer.

Source. A survey by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. multivu.com/players/English/8128551-lls-blood-cancerawareness-month.

# facts

# Immuno-Oncology Clinical Trials Increased at 17% Average Yearly Growth Between 2008 and 2017

Global immuno-oncology clinical trials by Phase, 2018-2017:

| Phase I  | 31% |   |
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| Phase II | 57% |   |
| Phase II | 9%  |   |
| Phase IV | 3%  | _ |



Source. Global Data. Globaldata.com. client.globaldata.com/static/PR1214.png.

# 4 Tips to Help Protect Women from Contracting Ovarian Cancer from Genital Talc Use

- Look at Labels. While some body powder products are beginning to include ovarian cancer warning labels on talc products, not all do. If you see talc listed as an ingredient, find an alternative that uses cornstarch.
- Discontinue Product Use. Talc-based products should never be used for feminine hygiene purposes. If this talc use is part of your daily routine, stop using it immediately.
- **3. Consult Your Doctor.** Annual Pap tests do not check for ovarian cancer. If you have ever used talc for feminine hygiene, consult with your gynecologist about proper monitoring and testing.
- **4. Educate Yourself.** Being aware of the symptoms of ovarian cancer, such as bloating, pelvic pain, and feeling full quickly when eating, can help raise red flags in early stages, and increase chances for survival with proper medical treatment.

Source. Dr. Roberta Ness, a recognized expert in women's health research and former Dean of The University of Texas School of Public Health. prnmedia.prnewswire.com/news-releases/4-tips-to-protect-women-from-talc-related-ovarian-cancer-300510492. html?tc=PRNJ\_email\_html\_abstract.

### Patients Surveyed about Genetic Testing

- 73% of respondents say 1 or more diseases run in their family
- The top diseases cited were diabetes (37%), cancer (35%), heart disease (32%), and depression and/or mental health issues (31%)
- **53%** of respondents said they would accept free genetic testing to better predict future occurrence of diseases
- Just 6% would decline free genetic testing

Source. Wamberg Genomic Consumer Survey. wamberggenomic.com.

# Listen Up! Results from Caregivers Survey

- Nearly half (**45%**) of unpaid caregivers feel that their physical health has suffered as a result of their caregiver duties.
- Nearly half (**45%**) don't often have time to book or attend medical appointments for themselves.
- **41%** of female caregivers report that it has put pressure on their financial situation, as compared to **28%** of male caregivers.
- Almost half (47%) of caregivers do not feel supported by the local community and a third (33%) do not feel supported at all by their local health system.
- Less than half (**40%**) feel supported by their employer in their role as a caregiver.

Source. Embracing Carers Survey. prnmedia.prnewswire.com/news-releases/455569593. html?tc=PRNJ\_email\_html\_headlines.

