



### Why Can't We All Get Along?

ACCC 36th National Oncology Conference featured speaker Joe Mull has some answers to what fuels team drama and how to dial it down. Meet Joe, author of *No More Team Drama*, in this short video, [acc-cancer.org/noc-featured-speakers](http://acc-cancer.org/noc-featured-speakers), and find out what he will be sharing at the conference. To get the early bird discount, register online at [acc-cancer.org/noc-registration](http://acc-cancer.org/noc-registration).



### Bettering Cancer Care for Senior Adult Patients

Every member of your cancer program staff can take action to improve care delivery for senior adult patients with cancer. This six-part webinar series, developed by ACCC's Multidisciplinary Approaches to Caring for Geriatric Patients with Cancer education project, explores practical steps for oncology programs in all settings of care. View on demand at [acc-cancer.org/geriwebinars](http://acc-cancer.org/geriwebinars). Plus, view resources curated by the project's expert Advisory Committee at [acc-cancer.org/geriresources](http://acc-cancer.org/geriresources).



### What Were They Thinking?

Read these ACCCBuzz blog posts from the 2019 ACCC Innovators Award winners to find out the inspiration behind their innovation at [acc-cancer.org/2019-winners](http://acc-cancer.org/2019-winners). Come to the National Oncology Conference, Oct. 30–Nov. 1, in Orlando for details on how they made it happen.



### IO Insights Series

Access this collection of perspectives from members of the ACCC Immuno-Oncology Institute Working Groups on Big Data, Multispecialty Coordination and Communication, Telemedicine, and Training and Education at [acc-cancer.org/io-insights](http://acc-cancer.org/io-insights).



### ACCC at ASCO

At the recent ASCO Annual Meeting, ACCC presented a poster on *Collaborative Learning Workshops to Optimize Integration of Cancer Immunotherapies in the Community Setting*. The poster summarized the changes in knowledge, competence, and performance among the participants in the 2018 ACCC Immuno-Oncology Institute's learning workshops at two community cancer programs. View the poster at [acc-cancer.org/IO-Posters](http://acc-cancer.org/IO-Posters)



### Live Learning Events

With one click, discover ACCC live learning opportunities. Check back often for updates at [acc-cancer.org/live-activities](http://acc-cancer.org/live-activities).

## Healthcare Executives Identify Top 5 Benefits to Clinical Surveillance

1. Identifying adverse drug events
2. Advancing antimicrobial stewardship initiatives
3. Facilitating patient safety alerts
4. Preventing inpatient infections
5. Managing readmissions

Source: Sage Growth Partners survey commissioned by Vigilanz.

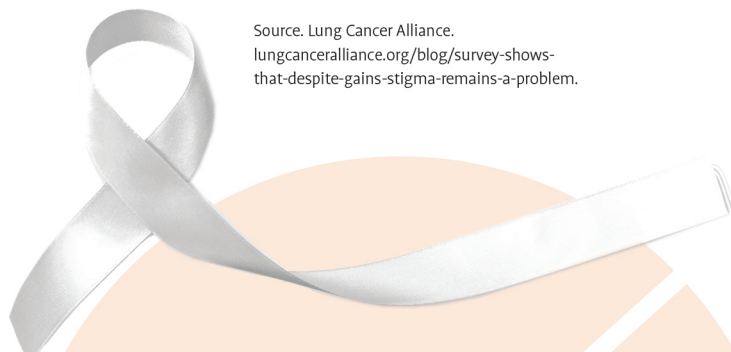


## Lung Cancer Stigma Remains an Issue

Comparing 2018 survey results to a 2008 survey showed an increased belief that lung cancer patients are viewed or treated differently than patients with other cancers:

- General patient recognition of stigma increased from **54%** to **70%**.
- The feeling that lung cancer patients are treated differently by society increased from **45%** to **63%**.
- The belief that loved ones would be more supportive of patients if they had a different type of cancer increased from **11%** to **25%**.
- From 2008 to 2018, more oncologists noted that patients blame themselves for their diagnoses (**57%** vs. **67%**).

Source: Lung Cancer Alliance. [lungcanceralliance.org/blog/survey-shows-that-despite-gains-stigma-remains-a-problem](http://lungcanceralliance.org/blog/survey-shows-that-despite-gains-stigma-remains-a-problem).



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## 3 Ways Pharmacies Can Improve Hospital Profitability & Patient Outcomes

### 1. Help hospitals **understand the true cost of medication utilization** to assist them in

identifying the most impactful clinical programs to improve patient outcomes and realize meaningful savings.

### 2. **Drive continuous compliance** with changing standards and regulatory requirements, which can be resource-intensive and challenging to implement across multiple sites.

### 3. **Create cost-efficient solutions** that help on-site pharmacy teams meet increased demand for services. Today, pharmacists are members of patient care teams, and are being asked to provide services like medication reconciliation and patient counseling. To meet these new demands, many pharmacies leverage remote pharmacy models.

Source: Cardinal Health, Inc. [cardinalhealth.com](http://cardinalhealth.com).



## Women Struggle to Understand Health Insurance Coverage

- Almost half of surveyed women (**47%**) say the most important factor when selecting a health plan is the cost of premiums, deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, and co-pay costs. Yet, 60% find it difficult to locate plan details and understand what the plan covers.
- Less than **one-third (31%)** are “very confident” their insurance provides adequate coverage.
- Women rank access to primary care and regular preventive services as the most important benefit (**77%**), followed by prescription drug coverage (**74%**), emergency care and hospital services (**73%**), and access to specialty care physicians (**67%**).
- More than half of women with health insurance (**54%**) have experienced care delays while their physicians waited to obtain prior authorization.
- **37%** of women in the U.S. have difficulty paying for their prescription medicines and the number is significantly higher for those with a chronic condition (**48%**) and those without health insurance (**52%**).

Source: WomenTALK 2018 survey. [healthywomen.org/womentalk2018](http://healthywomen.org/womentalk2018).

## Things You Need to Know About the HPV and Oral Cancer Connection

- There are more adults with oral cancer from HPV than cervical cancer.
- Oral cancer from HPV can affect both women and men.
- Among newly diagnosed cases of oral cancer, the fastest-growing segment is people **under age 40**.
- For decades, tobacco (smoking and smokeless) was the leading cause of oral cancer. Now, HPV takes the lead, by more than **10 times** the risk of smoking.
- The HPV vaccine is covered by health insurance until **age 21** in boys and **age 26** in girls.
- The average age of the first exposure to oral sex is now **10** to **13** years old.

Source: Maples S. *Blabber Mouth: 77 Secrets Only Your Mouth Can Tell You to Live a Healthier, Happier, Sexier Life.* [blabbermouthbooks.com](http://blabbermouthbooks.com).

