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**RESOURCE** | **Immuno-Oncology Web Portal Launched**

New and emerging cancer immunotherapies continue to reshape treatment options. For multidisciplinary team education and resources that go beyond a clinical understanding of immuno-oncology advances and deliver real-world implementation strategies, check out the ACCC Immuno-Oncology Institute web portal at [acc-cancer.org/immunotherapy](http://acc-cancer.org/immunotherapy). Discover resources to support your program, staff, and patients receiving treatment with immuno-oncology. Read the ongoing IO Insights series for the big-picture perspective on this game-changing field.

**PUBLICATION** | **Metastatic Breast Cancer: Effective Principles in Action**

Could your cancer program do a better job communicating with metastatic breast cancer patients? ACCC's Metastatic Breast Cancer education project now features an interactive resource library, plus read how three cancer programs are optimizing patient-provider communication. See what's new at [acc-cancer.org/metastaticbreastcancer](http://acc-cancer.org/metastaticbreastcancer).

**WEBINAR** | **OPPS and PFS Updates 2019**

2019 Medicare payment rules went into effect on Jan. 1, 2019. Did you miss ACCC's policy webinar with "need to know" highlights from the Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Physician Fee Schedule and Quality Payment Program rules? Need a refresh? Webinars and rule summaries are available at [mynetwork.acc-cancer.org/viewdocument/2019-cms-opps-pfs-qpp-final-rules](http://mynetwork.acc-cancer.org/viewdocument/2019-cms-opps-pfs-qpp-final-rules).

**CME/CE** | **Host a Grand Rounds at Your Program**

ACCC is partnering with the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) and The France Foundation to support a series of live Grand Rounds/Tumor Boards on PARP Inhibitors: Advancing Personalized Medicine for Metastatic Breast Cancer Patients. Apply today to host a subject matter expert at your program to lead a one-hour accredited session, CME, CE, MOC credit available. Learn more at [acc-cancer.org/projects/parpinhibitors/overview](http://acc-cancer.org/projects/parpinhibitors/overview).

**RESOURCE** | **New Resources on Blood Cancers**

Visit the new blood cancers web section. Learn about the ACCC education project on acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL). Find new resources under ACCC's Multidisciplinary Multiple Myeloma Care project, including blog posts in ACCCBuzz. Go to [acc-cancer.org/blood-cancer](http://acc-cancer.org/blood-cancer).

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## 5 Key Actions to Help Combat the Opioid Epidemic

1. Mandating prescriber education
2. Implementing opioid prescribing guidelines
3. Integrating prescription drug monitoring programs into clinical settings
4. Improving data collection and sharing
5. Increasing availability of opioid use disorder treatment

Source: National Safety Council, Prescription Nation. [safety.nsc.org/prescription-nation-facing-americas-opioid-epidemic](http://safety.nsc.org/prescription-nation-facing-americas-opioid-epidemic).



## Few Approve How President Trump and Congress Are Addressing Prescription Drug Costs

- **3/4** of Americans consider the cost of prescription drugs in the U.S. to be "unreasonable."
- Only **23%** approve of how President Trump is dealing with the high cost of prescription drugs.
- Only **20%** approve of what Democrats are doing; **16%** approve of how Republicans are handling the issue.
- Out of 6 issues, **78%** of Americans identified addressing healthcare costs as their highest priority, compared to jobs and the economy (**76%**), national security (**71%**), the environment (**63%**), immigration (**51%**), or trade (**38%**).
- **65%** percent said they are "extremely" or "very concerned" about the high cost of prescription drugs.

Source: A survey conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago with funding from West Health Institute. [norc.org](http://norc.org).



# facts



## Key Advances in the AACR Cancer Progress Report 2018

- **22** treatments for cancer were approved for the first time by the FDA or approved for new types of cancer between Aug. 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018.
- The U.S. cancer death rate declined by **26%** for adults from 1991 to 2015, which translates to almost **2.4** million lives saved.
- The cigarette smoking rate among U.S. adults has fallen to **14%**, down from 42% in 1965, due to education and policy initiatives.



## Public Health Challenges in the AACR Cancer Progress Report 2018

- The number of new cancer cases in the U.S. is predicted to rise from **1.7** million in 2018 to **2.4** million in 2035, due largely to the increasing number of people age 65 and older.
- HPV vaccination could prevent nearly all cases of cervical cancer—and many cases of oral and anal cancer—but less than **50%** of U.S. adolescents ages 13 to 17 are up to date with the recommended vaccination series.
- Advances against cancer have not benefited everyone equally; cancer health disparities are some of the most pressing challenges posed by the disease.

Source. AACR Cancer Progress Report. [cancerprogressreport.org/Pages/default.aspx](http://cancerprogressreport.org/Pages/default.aspx).

## Physicians Unwilling to Recommend Their Profession

- **7** out of **10** physicians are unwilling to recommend their chosen profession.
- More than **1/2** of physicians say they are contemplating retirement within the next five years; **1/3** of those are under the age of 50.
- **61%** of physicians believe EHRs are having a negative impact on their workflow, with many suggesting that EHR requirements are a major cause of burnout.
- **54%** of physicians believe EHRs have had a negative impact on the physician-patient relationship.
- **1/2** of physicians believe value-based care and reimbursement will have a negative impact on overall patient care.

Source. Future of Healthcare Survey. [thedoctors.com/future](http://thedoctors.com/future).



## Survey Finds 93 Percent of First Responders Say Mental Health is as Important as Physical Health

- More than 8 in 10 (**83%**) believe that people who receive counseling generally get better.
- However, nearly half (**47%**) feel that there would be repercussions on the job for seeking professional counseling.
- Among those who feel this way, repercussions of seeking counseling included receiving different treatment from coworkers (**53%**) or supervisors (**52%**) and being perceived as weak by colleagues and/or peers (**46%**).

Source. University of Phoenix. [s3.amazonaws.com/communicationteambeliverables/UOPX\\_First+Responders+and+Mental+Health.png](https://s3.amazonaws.com/communicationteambeliverables/UOPX_First+Responders+and+Mental+Health.png).

