

Cancer Screening is Important to Your Population

Cancer is the Second Leading Cause of Death in New York State

- 1 out of every 4 deaths in NYS is due to cancer.
- Cancer results in more years of life lost than any other cause of death in NYS.
- Every day, approximately 300 New Yorkers are diagnosed with cancer.

Fast Facts: Breast Cancer



- Breast cancer is the most common cause of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in NYS.
- About one in eight women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime.
- In NYS, white women are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer, but African American/Black women are more likely to die from the disease. The death rate for breast cancer is 25% higher in black women than in white women.

Fast Facts: Cervical Cancer



- Cervical cancer is preventable. Screening can find abnormal cells and they can be removed before becoming cancer. Screening has helped lower the U.S. cervical cancer rate by more than 50%.
- Women without health insurance or without a regular health care provider are significantly less likely to have received a Pap test in the past three years.
- Compared to white women, black and Hispanic women in NYS are more likely to be diagnosed with and die from cervical cancer.

Fast Facts: Colon Cancer



- Colon cancer is preventable. Screening can find abnormal growths (polyps) and they can be removed before becoming cancer.
- Combining men and women together, colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in NYS.
- Adults without health insurance or without a regular health care provider are significantly less likely to have received a recommended colon cancer screening test
- Black men and women are most likely to be diagnosed with and to die from colon cancer.

Early Detection Saves Lives

- Many cancer deaths could be avoided if people were screened for cancer.
- When found early, cancer is more easily treated and outcomes are better.
- Cervical and colon cancer can actually be prevented by finding and removing the growths that can become cancer.
- Cancer screening tests can find disease in people who have no signs of sickness.
- Screening has helped lower the U.S. cervical cancer death rate by more than 50% in the last 30 years.
- Across the nation, mammograms prevent 12,000 deaths each year.
- If men and women followed colon cancer screening guidelines, 33,000 lives would be saved annually in the U.S.

The NYS Cancer Services Program Can Help

Healthcare is just one of many needs your clients may have. But as the data shows, the cancer burden in NYS is higher than many realize, so it is important that you help your clients get screened.

The NYS Cancer Services Program can help you:

- **Save a life.** Early detection of cancer can find cancer when it is most treatable – or before it starts.
- **Help those with a cancer diagnosis get treatment.** If cancer is diagnosed through a CSP, clients may be eligible for treatment through the Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program. CSPs provide case management services to help guide clients through the treatment process.
- **Save a family.** The age of individuals appropriate for cancer screening ranges from 40-64 years. Many in this age group are supporting and caring for their families.
- **Link clients to healthcare.** The CSP works closely with the New York State's Health Plan Marketplace and Marketplace navigators who can help your clients obtain health insurance coverage or apply for Medicaid. For those ineligible for insurance, the CSPs can help clients obtain health care through their community health centers.

(Data Source: NYS Department of Health, NYS Cancer Registry, 2007-2011)