



GUAM COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM

Bureau of Community Health Services, Division of Public Health
Department of Public Health & Social Services

FACT SHEET

"The people of Guam will be cancer free, embracing a healthy lifestyle and living in a healthy environment."

What is Comprehensive Cancer Control?

Comprehensive Cancer Control is a collaborative process through which a community pools resources to reduce the burden of cancer that results in: risk reduction, early detection, better treatment and enhanced survivorship. This program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the Department of Public Health & Social Services.

This is NOT a direct service program. Instead, this program focuses on bringing representatives from the cancer network on Guam (public, private and non-profit organizations as well as individuals) together to address prevention, early detection and treatment, survivorship, data & research, and policy & advocacy issues faced by cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and families on Guam.

This group of partners is called the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition.

Why is this program needed?

In Guam, over the past 15 years, there has been an increase in the number of new cancer cases (incidence) and deaths (mortality) due to cancer.

GUAM CANCER INCIDENCE, THREE 5-YEAR PERIODS			
	1998-2002	2003-2007	2008-2012
New Cases	1333	1580	1904
Crude Annual Rate	171.1**	186.3**	239
Age-Adjusted Rate *	272.0**	276.9**	325.1
GUAM CANCER MORTALITY, THREE 5-YEAR PERIODS			
	1998-2002	2003-2007	2008-2012
Cancer Deaths	653	717	736
Crude Annual Rate	84.5	85	92.4
Age-Adjusted Rate *	^	132.9	136.7

Note: Rates are per 100,000 population

* Standardized to the U.S. Standard 2000 Population

** Calculations include only cases for which age at diagnosis or death is known, for 1998-2002 and 2003-2007, there were 10 cases with no age data

Source: Guam Cancer Facts and Figures 2008-2012

Data indicate that the cancer burden is rising. Both cancer incidence and mortality have increased over the 3 time-periods for cancer data collection: 1998-2002, 2003-2007, and 2008-2012. Between 2008-2012, 1904 new cases of cancer were diagnosed, and 736 people died of cancer. Thus, cancer incidence increased by 20% and cancer deaths increased 2.6% from the previous 5-year period. On average, this translates to 1 new case of cancer diagnosed each day, and 1 person dying of cancer every 2.5 days. Five cancers account for majority of Guam's cancer burden: breast cancer, colorectal cancer, liver cancer, lung and bronchus cancer, and prostate cancer. (Source: Guam Cancer Facts and Figures 2008-2012)



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What are some of the CCC Coalition's accomplishments?

- Publication of Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, 2007-2012, 2013-2017, and 2018-2022.
- Publication of the Guam Cancer Facts and Figures, 2003-2007 and 2008-2012.
- Publication of the revised Guam Cancer Passport: A Guide to Survivorship and Care.
- Publication of the Guam Cancer Control Coalition Quarterly Newsletters.
- Creation of the Hope Project Video and various cancer prevention commercials.
- Coordination of Palliative Care Conferences, "Celebrate Life!" Cancer Survivors Conferences; and cancer educations on Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancers.
- Promotion of evidence-based cancer screening guidelines (U.S. Preventive Services Task Force) to majority of Guam's healthcare providers.
- Advocates for policy change such as the tobacco tax increase for tobacco products; sales ban of electronic cigarettes to minors; and strengthening the Natasha Protection Act.
- Winner of several prestigious national and local awards such as C-Change and the MagPRO Awards.



Why should I join the Coalition?

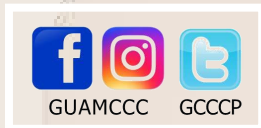
- Get involved with developing, enhancing, and supporting cancer programs and services.
- Advocate for and support cancer survivors and their families.
- Network with others in the community that share a strong interest in cancer and access cancer-related resources and information.

When do we meet?

The Coalition's Steering Committee and most subcommittees meet once a month as they work to implement activities identified in the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

Get involved by contacting:

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The Bureau of Community Health Services' Mission:

"To improve the health and quality of life in our community by eliminating health disparities; increasing access to health care; early disease detection; disease prevention and control; and promoting healthy lifestyles through policy development, implementation, surveillance and intervention; and providing social services in collaboration with community partners and stakeholders."

