

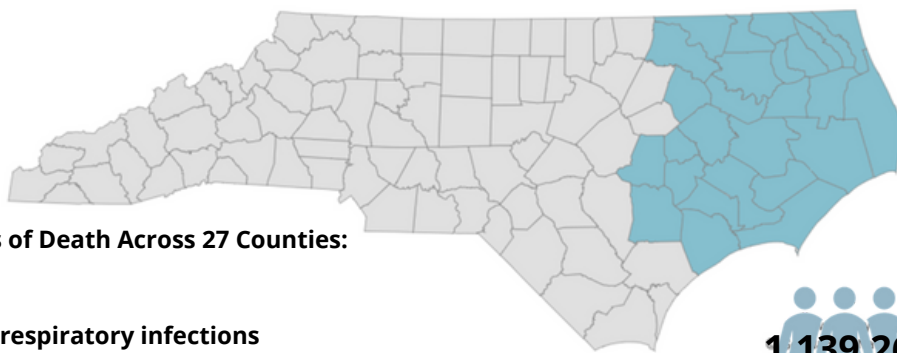
NC NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL COMMUNITY CANCER NETWORK

NC NORTHEASTERN REGION SNAPSHOT

The purpose of this snapshot is to provide a summary of the NC Northeastern Regional Community Cancer Network.

Regional NC Community Cancer Networks (CCN) are communities working together and overcoming barriers through connecting resources and services to reduce the burden of cancer in North Carolina. There are four regional CCNs in the state of North Carolina: Western Region, Northwestern Region, Northeastern Region and Southeastern Region.

NC Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (NC BCCCP) staff are members of all four regional CCNs and provide resource connections throughout the state.



Leading Causes of Death Across 27 Counties:

- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Chronic lower respiratory infections
- Cerebrovascular diseases

1,139,269

Cumulative population of counties that make up the Northeastern Region of the state.

**Source: County Community Health Assessments*

The NC Northeastern Regional CCN convened its first meeting on Friday, February 26, 2021. Since this meeting, the members identified their known existing barriers and possible solutions needed.

Members collectively defined their network's mission statement. Based on their list of barriers priority areas were chosen to start their focused efforts. Listed below are Phase I of network and resource sharing to encourage possible solutions.

MISSION

Diverse group of stakeholders working together, collaboratively, addressing the barriers of the entire cancer continuum by sharing resources.



PRIORITY AREAS CHOSEN FROM BARRIERS BY REGIONAL CCN MEMBERS

1. Access to Care
(healthcare services, prevention/screening/treatment services; housing)
2. Transportation

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- Identify genetic counselors
- Build resource linkages for volunteer transportation services
- Establish partnership with DSS Transportation Services to increase awareness or coordination
- Find access to grant funding for faith based organizations for transportation
- Engage faith based organizations for screenings and housing medical equipment (quarterly)
- Create multiple language outreach/reaching out via multiple media platforms to expand reach into diverse communities
- Determine ways to offer free screening opportunities and appropriate follow-up for all types of cancers
- Engage patient navigation, outreach worker and health education services
- Identify, develop and advocate for at least one Policy, Systems, or Environmental change
- Create a universal location to access resources i.e. Website with links



NC Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NC CCCP) brings together stakeholders, groups and individuals that have an interest in keeping community members healthy, working to create plans and take action to help lower the number of people affected by cancer and reduce the burden of cancer in communities. We work to equip others for action with the knowledge, skills and tools to promote health through the cancer continuum (prevention, early detection, treatment and supportive care, survivorship and palliative care). NC CCCP uses the NC Cancer Action Plan to work with communities to:

- Promote healthy lifestyles and recommended cancer testing;
- Educate people about symptoms of cancer;
- Increase access to quality cancer treatment and care; and
- Enhance cancer survivors' quality of life.



NC Cancer Prevention and Control Branch Partners:



North Carolina Partnership to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screenings (NC PICCS)

For more information, visit <https://publichealth.nc.gov/cccp>