

Saving lives and lowering health care costs

Learn about the New York State Cancer Services Program

The New York State Department of Health Cancer Services Program (CSP) provides FREE breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer tests to eligible women and men who do not have health insurance.



Cancer is the second leading cause of death in New York State

Nearly 1 out of every 5 deaths in NYS is due to cancer.¹

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women.²

Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths for men and women.³

More than 850 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year in NYS.⁴

Cancer prevention and early detection save lives

Screening tests can find cancers early when they are easier to treat, or for some cancers, before they start.

Many cancer deaths could be avoided if people were screened for cancer.

Cervical cancer used to be the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. But the number of deaths in the past 40 years has greatly decreased because of women getting regular Pap tests.⁵

Mammography may lower the risk of dying from breast cancer by as much as 20%.⁶

Screening for colon cancer over the last three decades has helped to lower deaths from this disease in both men and women.⁷

Prevention and early detection are cost effective

Cancer treatment is expensive. It is estimated that over \$80 billion was spent in the U.S. in 2015 on cancer-related healthcare.⁸

Related costs are likely to increase as new, more advanced and more expensive treatments are adopted as standards of care.⁹

Earlier stage cancers are often easier and less costly to treat for patients and health care payers.¹⁰

The CSP helps to reduce the cancer burden and promote health in NYS

Every year, the CSP **provides cancer screening to tens of thousands** of New Yorkers.

The CSP also provides a range of care that includes:

- timely follow-up for abnormal screening tests
- help with treatment
- assistance with transportation, making appointments, etc.

The CSP works with New Yorkers who are least likely to get recommended cancer screenings.

The CSP makes a positive difference in your community!

(This area used by CSP contractors to add local impact data)

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