

August 2025 Partnership Update



Latest Edition of *The Cancer Atlas* Highlights Impact of Modifiable Risk Factors on Cancer Burden


An estimated 50% of all cancer deaths worldwide are attributed to modifiable risk factors, according to findings in *The Cancer Atlas, 4th Edition*. Produced by the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer, *The Cancer Atlas* website and book provide a comprehensive global overview of information about the burden of cancer, associated risk factors, methods of prevention, and measures of control. The Atlas aims to increase knowledge, provide a reliable basis for evidence-based decision-making, and inspire united action and partnerships against the cancer epidemic.




[Access *The Cancer Atlas* resources](#)

Applications Open for ACS CARES™ Student Navigation Support Project

ACS invites partners to consider applying to be an ACS CARES™ (Community Access to Resources, Education, and Support) student navigation site. This program places highly trained college student volunteers in cancer centers to provide people with cancer and caregivers direct, individualized, in-person nonclinical navigation assistance. Volunteers work closely with care teams to identify barriers to care and connect patients to resources with compassion and a commitment to quality navigation support. Partners that serve **rural, underserved/underrepresented, or pediatric** populations are highly encouraged to apply. Applications are open until August 30, 2025.



Student Navigation Support Project



Overview

For nearly 30 years, ACS has viewed patient navigation as a critical strategy in reducing health disparities across the cancer continuum, with demonstrated effectiveness at removing barriers and increasing access to care through the provision of coordinated, patient-centered support.

With over 2.1M people diagnosed with cancer annually, the goal of the American Cancer Society Navigation Support Program is to provide people with cancer and caregivers direct, individualized, in-person non-clinical navigation assistance that delivers timely information to reduce distress, resources to mitigate barriers to care, and emotional support to improve the cancer experience.

ACS will provide highly trained volunteers from a local college or university and the infrastructure to support these volunteers (including continuing education and technical assistance). Participating health systems will be awarded \$25,000 to support start-up costs during the first year of partnership. Please refer to the budget guidance at the end of this packet.

Program Structure

ACS-trained undergraduate or graduate student volunteers will:

- Apply and interview to be accepted as an ACS Navigation Support volunteer
- Receive specialized navigation support training, including patient privacy, how to function in the health care setting, and coordinating with professional navigators
- Have dedicated ACS staff members to field questions and provide support
- Commit to 1 year of in-person service with one 4-hour shift (minimum) per week

[Learn more](#)

[Apply today](#)

ACS Primary Care Clinical Champion Corps Volunteer Opportunity

The American Cancer Society Primary Care Clinical Champions Corps is a program for primary care clinicians (MDs, DOs, PAs, NPs). Participants will receive training, resources, and peer-to-peer engagement to help educate and motivate clinical peers to activate cancer prevention and early detection knowledge and interventions. Sessions, which begin September 16, 2025, will include discussions on barriers and strategies to educating clinical peers on early detection focus areas and highlight educational resources. The registration period is open until September 12, 2025.

[Learn more](#)[Register to volunteer](#)

As a Champion Corps volunteer we need you to:

- ✓ Educate 100 primary care clinical peers on cancer early detection by March 31st.
- ✓ Advocate for implementation of early detection guidelines in your health system.
- ✓ Deliver community, state, and national presentations to peer primary care clinicians.
- ✓ Present to state professional societies like AAPF, PCA and Roundtables.

SESSION DATES

September 16: Kickoff with focus on ACS CancerRisk360 and breast cancer screening

October 21: Focus on lung cancer screening

November 18: Focus on cervical cancer screening

December 16: OPTIONAL: Peer-to-peer troubleshooting

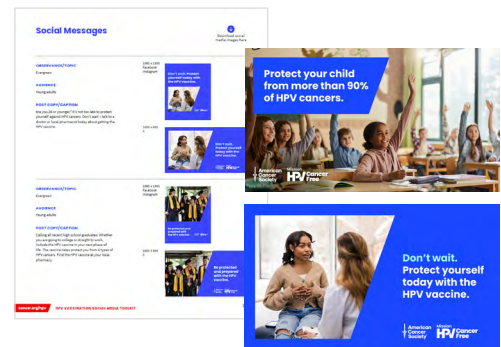
January 20: Focus on colorectal cancer screening

February 17: Focus on prostate cancer screening

March 17: Focus on modifiable risk factors and cancer prevention

HPV Vaccination Social Media Toolkit

This ACS toolkit offers ready-to-use graphics and messages to promote HPV vaccination. It includes messages tied to relevant observances (i.e., Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, International HPV Awareness Day, National Immunization Awareness Month, etc.) and evergreen messages for year-round use. This toolkit is suitable for partners that want to engage audiences with accurate, impactful content.

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Palliative Care: Improving Quality of Life for Anyone With Cancer

This ACS booklet provides information about palliative care for people with cancer, including what palliative care is, how it can help, who should get it, where to get it, and how to find and pay for it. The booklet also includes information for people of all ages and questions to ask about palliative care.

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Coping With Cancer

This ACS booklet is for anyone diagnosed with cancer. It discusses distress that can come from cancer and cancer treatment, and what steps can be taken to help cope. It also includes screening tools to measure what distress is and what it means to have it, when distress is normal, when help may be needed, and how you can help manage distress if it occurs.

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