

Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control's In the News

NW Cancer Summit: Setting Trends in Cancer Survivorship!

Let's Talk About Cervical Cancer

- 4 of 5 Oregon adults know that the human papilloma virus or HPV increases the risk of cervical cancer
- 3 of 5 Oregon adults know that smoking increases the risk of cervical cancer
- 3 of 5 Oregon adults know that never having a Pap test increases the risk of cervical cancer
- Half of Oregon adults believe that a previous breast cancer increases risk – this is false

We have work to do! In this survey, only 4% of adults correctly identified all cervical cancer risk factors and knew that breast cancer is not a risk factor.

Source: Oregon General Knowledge Survey 2007

NW Cancer Summit – a great success in celebration of cancer survivorship! On July 28-29, 2008, more than two hundred individuals attended the Summit. The summit brought together cancer survivors, advocates, health care providers, business, human resource, insurance and community leaders, and legislators to share stories and resources about the need to work together to create health, employer and community systems and policies that address the needs of cancer survivors at home, work and in the community.

Sponsored by Cancer Care Resources, the conference featured: Helen Raptis, Host of AM Northwest, breast cancer survivor, moderating a session on survivorship; a musical performance by award winning artists Wideawake, “Maybe Tonight, Maybe Tomorrow”; Senator Wyden, via broadcast from Washington DC spoke about the Healthy Americans Act, moderated by Dr. Brain Druker, OHSU Cancer Institute; a panel highlighting the use of the arts for expression, healing and hope; a panel of organizations that advocate for can-

cer resources; a survivor panel; and a human resource track relating issues in the workplace before, during and after cancer diagnosis and treatment. The conference convened with comments from Senator Ben Westlund, lung cancer survivor, “Hope for a Healthy Oregon.”

Thank you, Cancer Care Resources, and Summit sponsors for supporting this first time survivorship conference in Oregon. Once again, Oregon is a trend-setter.

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Senator Ron Wyden via Satellite



Survivors @ check in



Helen Raptis from KATU



Illini for Cancer Bike Team Makes a Special Stop



Communicating Your Story



Moe Spencer from the American Cancer Society



Wideawake Plays at the Summit

Local Survivor: Austin Winters of Hermiston Oregon

It's been a summer filled with super heroes, from Iron man and batman to the Incredible Hulk -- but an eastern Oregon fourth grader battling cancer invented one to trump them all. Austin Winters, of Hermiston, just won a national contest with his superhero called bacon boy. Looking at the character created from raw bacon, 10-year-old Austin explains Bacon Boy's unique superpowers.

"He shoots bacon bits out of one hand and grease out of the

other and he has meat vision," said Winters.

Austin created Bacon Boy along with fry guy his arch enemy who restores his strength from a fight by getting clean inside a dishwasher.

Austin's creative artwork won a national contest and inspired artists at the Tacoma museum of glass to create this glass version of Bacon Boy which is on permanent display at the world famous museum.

It all started when local artist Frank Extaniz visited Austin on the cancer floor at Doernbecker hospital and asked him to make a superhero.

Austin says creating Bacon boy was easy because he loves meat. Austin's parents say something changed that day last October. His eyes brightened and creativity started flowing despite the pain from chemotherapy.

Austin's courageous battle against leukemia can be seen in his art. The stories are filled with courageous battles. [Visit his website: ChapName](#)



Celebrity Survivor: Fran Drescher



Best known for her no-nonsense advice as *The Nanny*, Fran Drescher kept things light while taking

care of her TV family. In real life, she brought her shoot-from-the-hip perspective to coping with a potentially deadly health crisis — uterine cancer.

"After seeing eight doctors trying to get a diagnosis for my symptoms, my doctor finally told to me, 'You have adenocarcinoma,'" says Drescher. "When she told me that was uterine cancer, I burst into uncontrollable tears. I was devastated."

"I thought I was going to die," adds Drescher. "I thought, 'Okay, I have reached the height of my career, experienced things that I never thought I would and it's all neatly coming to a final chapter.'"

But Drescher decided she wasn't ready to close the book on her life. Instead, she wrote one. Available in bookstores now, *Cancer Schmancer* is Drescher's inspirational story about how she beat uterine cancer.

"I got a grip on the situation," she says. "I called a surgeon who was recommended to me by the gynecologist. But I had to wait until the end of the week, because Friday is when she sees new patients. The world doesn't stop revolving because you have cancer. It's just your world that stops."

The most common form of uterine cancer

is called endometrial cancer because it arises from the inner lining of the uterus, the endometrium. Tumors that form there are known as adenocarcinomas. These occur when cells in the glands of the endometrium grow out of control, frequently invading the adjacent muscle of the uterus. "Endometrial cancer is the most common form of cancer of the female reproductive system," says Dr. Karl Podratz, the Atkins professor of surgery at the Mayo Clinic.

According to Podratz, this year about 39,300 American women will be diagnosed with uterine cancer, causing approximately 6,600 deaths.



Highlighted Program: I'm Too Young For This

Our mission is to end isolation and improve quality of life for young adults affected by cancer. We do this by: 1. serving as a global support community that provides 'one-stop' access to hard-to-find resources, peer support and social networks. 2. educating

providers about the unique issues facing this population. 3. advocating on behalf of over 1 million young adult survivors to raise awareness of the 'cancer under 40' movement and drive change. 4. gaining a better understanding of the needs of

young adult survivors. 5. using music and the arts to connect and unite young adults, build community and make it hip to talk openly about their experiences.



ImTooYoungForThis.org
a place for young adults affected by cancer

National News You Can Use

Breast

[Targeted Therapies To Lead New Wave Of Breast Cancer Treatments](#)

[3D Mammograms Help Breast Exams](#)

[Gene Activity May Explain Deadlier Breast Cancers Among Younger Women](#)

Skin

[Many Sunscreens Don't Work Or Are Hazardous To Health Says Group](#)

[Melanoma cases surge among young women](#)

[Dealing with sun is a daily endeavor. Find out when people forget protection but need it the most](#)

[Sun good for tomatoes, not for gardeners' skin](#)

Prevention

[Mediterranean Diet Cuts Cancer Risk](#)

[Some Exercise a Day May Keep Cancer at Bay](#)

[Disease Prevention Programs Worth the Investment](#)

[Gastric bypass surgery cuts cancer risk, researchers say](#)

[Mobile phones tumor risk to young children](#)

[Cancer Survival Depends on Where You Live](#)

[Gene Mutation Puts Some Kids at Risk for Tobacco Addiction](#)

[Lance Armstrong, top doctors launch cancer quest](#)

[Disease Prevention Programs Worth the Investment](#)

[Secondhand smoke raises spouse's stroke risk: study](#)

Disparities

[Decreases in Cancer Deaths Limited to Highly-Educated](#)

[Racial disparity seen in prostate cancer treatment](#)

Treatment

[Medical Visit Companions Improve Experience for Older Patients](#)

[Wallet cards now available for cancer patients; Medical information remains handy](#)

[Cancer Patient Survival Linked To The Checking Of More Lymph Nodes](#)

Cervical

[Should parents worry about HPV vaccine?](#)

Prostate

[Study could alter treatment of localized prostate cancer](#)

Ovarian

[Simple screening may boost ovarian cancer diagnosis](#)

Colorectal

[Colon Cancer Screening Rates Remain Low](#)

End of Life

[Most cancer doctors avoid saying it's the end](#)

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Events

8/1 [Gladstone Chautauqua Festival](#)

8/2 [Women of Color Celebrate Health and Wellness](#)

8/2 [Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer Empowerment event](#)

8/10 [Raft for the Cure-](#)

[Various dates in August ACS Can Fight Back Express](#)

9/5 [Stand Up to Cancer](#)

9/26 [2nd Annual Dancing in the Square: American Indian Day Celebration and Powwow](#)

Did you know:

Latinas have the highest cervical cancer incidence rate among all Oregon women?

(Oregon State Cancer Registry, 1996-2004)

Grants and Funding Opportunities



Northwest Health Foundation invites proposals that seek to reduce the burden of chronic diseases using community-based participatory research (CBPR) approaches. The Foundation is particularly interested in prevention, health promotion, and disparities research that address social, environmental, and behavioral factors through policy and systems changes
Deadline: Sept 8, 2008



The Cancer Education Grants Program (CEGP) is a flexible,

curriculum-driven program aimed at developing and sustaining innovative and educational approaches that ultimately will have an impact on reducing cancer incidence, mortality and morbidity, as well as improving the quality of life of cancer patients.

Any not-for-profit or for-profit organization engaged in health-related education research, or training and located in the United States may apply for the CEGP. Applicants may request up to five years of support.

The Program provides up to five years of funding up to \$300,000 per year in direct costs.



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