

Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control



Comprehensive
Cancer Control

Collaborating to Conquer Cancer



In the News

Welcome to the first issue of our new, monthly e-blast!

We want to share newsworthy items from e-bulletins and newspaper clippings from the previous month, both Oregon and national. We'll include articles on survivors, and highlight an organization, program or individual. We'll also note upcoming meetings and announcements, both of the coalition and other cancer related events. We hope this is of interest to you. Please tell us what you think! Patricia and TeriLynn, OPCC staff

Who are we? The Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control (OPCC) is a coalition of more than 100 organizations. Our members are from health care, academic, voluntary, community-based and state/local government, as well as survivors and concerned citizens. Together, we created Oregon's first statewide cancer plan.



Our priorities for 2008:

- Increasing awareness and screening for colorectal cancer
- Identifying organizational contributions to cancer control
- Promoting collaboration between urban and rural partners

Save the Date:

March 14, 2008 Friday, 1:00-5:00

OPCC Partnership Meeting

At Legacy Meridian Park Education Center

Tualatin, Oregon

Prevent it! Treat it! Beat it!

**Our call to action for
colorectal cancer !**

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Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control February Meetings:

7th-Coordinating Committee, 5-7 PM @ American Cancer Society

19th Colorectal Health Task Force 1:00-3:00 @ Good Samaritan Hospital

21st Breast Health Task Force: 8:00-9:30@ Portland State Office Building (PSOB)

21st Cancer Disparities, 9:30-11:00 @ PSOB

26th Cancer Surveillance Advisory Workgroup, 8:30-10:00 @ PSOB

All meetings are available via toll free phone conferencing. For information. Please call TeriLynn, OPCC Project Assistant at 971-673-0984 or TeriLynn.Leu@state.or.us.

Survivors Stories

Sandy Boy, Young Golfer and Cancer Survivor

Conor Oliver isn't exactly sure why he was picked to lead the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce's Hometown Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1, as its grand marshal. He's also not sure what it means to be a grand marshal, and in all honesty, the whole thing is a bit intimidating for the soft-spoken 12-year-old Sandy resident. "I don't know why they picked me," he said. "It's cool. I'm surprised ... a

little nervous." The people who know Conor know exactly why he was picked for the honor. For more than a year, the state-champion golfer and A-student has grappled with leukemia. And it appears he is winning. Luke Lyons – one-third of the Sandy-based, grassroots do-gooder group Random Acts of Kindness – came up with the idea to have Conor be the parade's grand marshal.

"We just wanted to get some community awareness going about Conor's situation," Lyons said. "But I also think he's something of a heroic figure. He's winning the fight; he's a tough kid. Someone like that deserves a bit of a pedestal for people to look up to.

[Click here for full story](#)



Dorothy Hamill Back on the Ice after Breast Cancer Treatment



BALTIMORE - Olympic gold medalist Dorothy Hamill is back on the ice. She was to return to the national "Broadway on Ice" tour Wednesday night after taking time off because of breast cancer. The 51-year-old skater left the tour this month for treatment at the Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

She will headline the performance in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said Gerry Porter, a publicist representing "Broadway on Ice." Olympic gold medalist Brian Boitano and two-time Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan filled in during Hamill's absence. Hamill was a three-time U.S. champion and won the world title and Olympic gold in 1976. She retired and joined the Ice Capades in

1977. [Click here for entire story](#)

Highlighted Facility

Oregon Urology Institute: Springfield, Oregon!

The region's biggest urology practice this week opened a \$2.8 million radiation center across the street from McKenzie--Willamette Medical Center. Oregon Urology Institute will provide a high-tech form of prostate cancer treatment known as IGRT (image-guided radiation therapy), a treatment option that also is offered by a Eugene oncology group.



The new radiation center represents the latest example of local health organizations

making hefty investments in expensive medical technology, including technology that already exists in the community. It's also part of a national trend in which doctors strive to capture more of their patients' dollars by keeping treatments in their own practice, rather than ceding them to hospitals or other specialties.

The 15-physician practice decided to add the radiation treatment and hire its own radiation oncologist so it could provide its patients with all options for prostate cancer treatment, said Terry FitzPatrick, practice administrator. Those

options include removing cancerous prostates through open surgery and robotic surgery, as well as radiation-based treatments.

Prostate is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, with about 218,890 new cases in 2007, and the fourth-most deadly, with about 27,000 deaths, according to the National Cancer Institute. It more commonly afflicts older men, and black men are at much higher risk than white men. [Click here for entire story](#)

February News You Can Use

Oregon

[Dry Cleaners Stepping up to get rid of cancerous cleaning agents](#)

[Portland's Monthly Guide to the top 329 Physicians in 48 specialties as chosen by their peers](#)

[Smoking No Longer Allowed in Oregon Department of Human Services Buildings; Doughnuts are OK](#)

[Coquille girls donate to Locks of Love to make wigs for children with cancer](#)

[A 31/2-year-old girl's death inspires a mother's play group to collect for presurgery waiting rooms at Doernbecher](#)

National

[Prostate cancer tied to 5 markers](#)

[The American Cancer Society plans to devote its entire \\$15 million advertising budget this year not to smoking cessation or colorectal screening but to the consequences of inadequate health coverage](#)

[Breast cancer patients not told of reconstruction options when choosing mastectomy, lumpectomy](#)

[Study: Uninsured cancer patients more likely to die](#)

[Get several opinions on cancer diagnosis](#)

[Ouch! Cervical Cancer Shots Painful](#)

[American Institute for Cancer Research "Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity, and the Prevention of Cancer: a Global Perspective](#)

[Biological Link Between BRCA1 and Breast Cancer Detailed](#)

[Aspirin use and potential mechanisms for colorectal cancer prevention](#)



The articles listed here are time sensitive and some of the links may go out of date!

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February Activities

Breast Cancer Support Group– 6:30-8:30 PM-3rd Monday of each month @ Silverton Hospital, Room DE .
Call 503-873-1791

Survivor Photo Fundraiser Contest to benefit the Celilo Cancer Center– Submissions Due by May.
Contact Kinzel @ mcharguesgirl@gmail.com

Older Women Sought for Breast Cancer Study:
Call 1-877-474-7837 for information

[Sherwood photographer teams up with Think Pink Photography to help with breast cancer survivors](#)

“From Surviving to Thriving” Workshop series are being offered in Corvallis.
Call 541-768-5220 to register

Providence Medford to hold support group for survivors of oral, head or neck cancers on the 2nd Friday of the month @ 1:30 in the Cancer Center Conference Room.
Call 541-732-7050 for information

February 4th @ 7:00 PM is the kickoff event for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life in Woodburn.
Call 503-981-9281 for information

February 13 from 7-8:15 is the kickoff event for Sherwood’s Relay For Life @ Sherwood Senior Center.
Call 503-825-1669 for information

[www.
healthoregon.
org/cancer](http://www.healthoregon.org/cancer)

Grant Opportunities



[LANCE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION NOW ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR 2008 GRANTS](#)

The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) recently released a call for proposals for its 2008 grants cycle. Next year, the LAF expects to offer grants to cancer community programs and researchers. Since its inception in 1997, the LAF has invested more than \$26 million in grants to organizations committed to addressing the physical, emotional and practical issues faced by cancer survivors.