

Oregon Partnership for Cancer Control's In the News

Cervical Cancer in Oregon

- In 2005, 41 Oregon women died of cervical cancer.
- Oregon's incidence rates for cervical cancer have declined by an average of 8.8% a year.
- Because of Pap tests, cervical cancer is diagnosed early in Oregon women.

Data provided by the Oregon State Cancer Registry: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/oscar/arpt2005/cervical05.pdf>

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January is Cervical Health Awareness Month

The United States Congress designated January as Cervical Health Awareness Month. During January, you may wish to highlight issues related to cervical cancer, HPV disease and the importance of early detection. Some of the issues you may wish to highlight are personal stories of women and family members/caregivers battling issues related to

their persistent HPV/precancer and/or cervical cancer. You may wish to highlight recent advances and research in the prevention, detection and treatment of cervical cancer or HPV. You can highlight the success of your local/regional early detection cervical cancer screening and treatment pro-



grams and human-interest stories on the importance of early detection, education and the emotional issues related to battling cervical cancer and HPV.

Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program



The Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) helps low-income, uninsured, and medically underserved women gain access to lifesaving screening programs for early detec-

tion of breast and cervical cancers. Each year the Oregon BCCP provides approximately 7,000 eligible individuals with screening services. Funding for this program is provided by

grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate.

Local Survivor: Stanley Townsend

Spend a couple of hours with Bend native Stanley Townsend, 66, his son Jason, 32, and family friend Beau Killet, 38, and you're going to get an earful of inside jokes and risqué banter, but there's also an affection and openness rare in most circles of men.

You may find yourself with an in-



Stanley Townsend in front of one of his many projects.

vite from Stan, as his friends call him, to next summer's swims and miniature-boat races at the pond Townsend himself dug at "the ranch." Over the years, Townsend amassed the 65-acre spread near Knott Landfill in Bend, five to 10 parcels at a time, always paying cash. He only recently got his first credit card.

"They caught it too late, and it's in his bones and lymph nodes," explains Jason Townsend. "Chemo and all the stuff that kills the cancer wouldn't do any good ... so what they did is they put him on hormones, female hormones," to suppress testosterone, which the cancer feeds on.

Friend Radcliff says it was devastating when he learned of Townsend's cancer.

"He's been, personally, to me, a

great teacher, a mentor, a good friend and, basically, a father figure in my life."

Townsend and Sherry will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary in January. She doesn't mince words when she talks about her "super guy" and his fight with cancer.

"He's got very advanced cancer," she says. "We don't know what's going to happen."

"He was taking chemotherapy; it was the last they could give him. So, from there, we don't know what's going to happen," she adds. "But we keep our faith in the Lord, and that's all we're doing."

Celebrity Survivor: Julia Sweeney

As the quirky androgynous Pat on *Saturday Night Live*, Julia Sweeney confounded people. But when it comes to cancer, the comedienne is anything but confused. "With my brother, I had educated myself so much about cancer that the word didn't scare me," says Sweeney. "I knew that cancer was sort of a catch-all word meaning a lot of different things, and some things were much worse than others."

For Sweeney, her cancer odyssey began with a routine PAP smear.

The most common early symptom of early cervical cancer is a vaginal discharge or abnormal bleeding, particularly bleeding following intercourse," says Hoskins. "Later symptoms can be associated with pain and heavy bleeding."

"Laughter was key to my recovery," says Sweeney. "My brother

and I tried to keep our senses of humor. He would joke with me that

I had to go and get cancer because I always copied him. I think a positive outlook gives you a tremendous advantage in recovery."



Highlighted Program: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Did you know that the The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society provides services and resources for blood cancer patients, including financial assistance to help patients pay some of their treatment costs? An estimated 138,530 people in the United States were diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma in 2008. Every four minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer, 9.6% of the total number of new cancer cases for 2008 were blood cancer patients. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the worlds largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services.

We have two chapters serving Oregon

& SW Washington, both have a Patient Services Manager to assist patients, their family members and Health Care Professionals. Portland office - Sue Sumpter RN, MS (serving 503, 360 and 971 area codes) 503-245-9866 ext 214 or sue.sumpter@lls.org

The Society provides: Financial assistance to cover certain treatment and travel costs , Co-Pay Assistance to cover health insurance premiums and co-pay costs for certain diagnoses, Support groups, Free education programs, many with CEU's for RN's and Social Workers, Free literature and booklets, including Spanish and French translations, free ordering from our website , Clinical trials search , First Connection program, trained volunteer survivors are

available to talk with newly diagnosed patients, A website www.lls.org with over 2,000 pages of information and support, Newsletter and research updates Patient assistance to navigate their cancer journey,

Our mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The Society raises donations through various fund raising programs to fund cancer research and last year sponsored over \$64 million in blood cancer research.

Please feel free to contact either Sue and learn more about our services and how we can assist you and your patients.



National News

[Cancer to be world's top killer by 2010](#)

Breast

[Hormonal Treatment Strongly Linked To Breast Cancer](#)

[Progress Made in Predicting Breast Cancer Risk](#)

[Fruits, veggies slash breast cancer risk: U.S. study](#)

[Marital Distress May Affect Breast Cancer Recovery](#)

[Some Hidden Choices in Breast Reconstruction](#)

Prevention

[States cutting healthcare, report shows](#)

[China "cancer village" pays ultimate price for growth](#)

[Safer cigarette smoke just as harmful to embryos](#)

[Tobacco 'orbs' melt in mouth](#)

[Smoking ups risk of common heart rhythm problem](#)



Colorectal

[2 Markers Predict Survival Odds in Colon Cancer Patients](#)

[Colorectal Cancer Racial Gap Still Growing](#)

[Colonoscopy Has a 'Right Side' Blind Spot](#)

[Smoking Ups Colon Cancer Risk](#)

[Gene Boosts Drinkers' Colon Cancer Risk](#)

[CT Colonography Offers One-stop Screening For Cancer And Osteoporosis](#)

Disparities

[Finally, a summit about minorities' health disparities](#)

Treatment

[Post-cancer reproduction still low for women, men](#)

Local News

[Curry Breast Health opens public resource center in GoldRush Building](#)

[Hospital staff preps for tobacco ban](#)

[New OHSU Research Demonstrates How MRI Can Detect Cancerous Breast Tumors](#)

[Disease registries help give researchers a leg up toward a cure](#)

[Community Cancer Center set to open next spring](#)

[Breast cancer survivor shares a story of losing hair, gaining insight](#)

[OHSU executives take 20 percent pay cut](#)

[Cancer docs form rock 'n' roll band and land a record deal](#)

[A mean, green cancer-fighting VEGETABLE?](#)



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Events

[1st Thursday—Breast Cancer Support Group in Newberg](#)

[Every Thursday—Breast Cancer Support Group in Eugene](#)

[1st Monday Young Metastatic Breast Cancer Patients/Survivors Support Group— Tigard OR](#)

[Jan. 6 Workshop for Breast Cancer Patients & Survivors. Women Transitioning from Cancer Patient to Survivor and Beyond](#)

[March 6: Preconception Health: What's choice got to do with it?](#)

[June 5: Got Sperm? Got Eggs? To conceive or not to conceive](#)

[September 18: When the Bough Breaks: Not all births are created equal](#)

[December 4: The Politics of Choice: Breaking the silence](#)

The Oregon Smokefree Workplace Law Went into Effect January 1, 2009!

The New Law took effect January 1, 2009

Since 2002, the Oregon Smokefree Workplace Law has protected employees against the harmful effects of second-hand smoke by making most workplaces smokefree. In June 2007, the Oregon legislature passed a law making the Oregon Smoke-

free Workplace Law even stronger. The new law takes effect January 1, 2009

The new law expanded the number of indoor workplaces that are required to be smokefree.

The new law also prohibits smoking within 10 feet of entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes of workplaces or public places.

If you observe or note a possible violation of the law, you can report it to the Oregon Public Health Division for investigation and further action. You can also report it online!

