

Send any events, trainings, funding opportunities, or success stories for the monthly newsletter to NDCC@ND.GOV

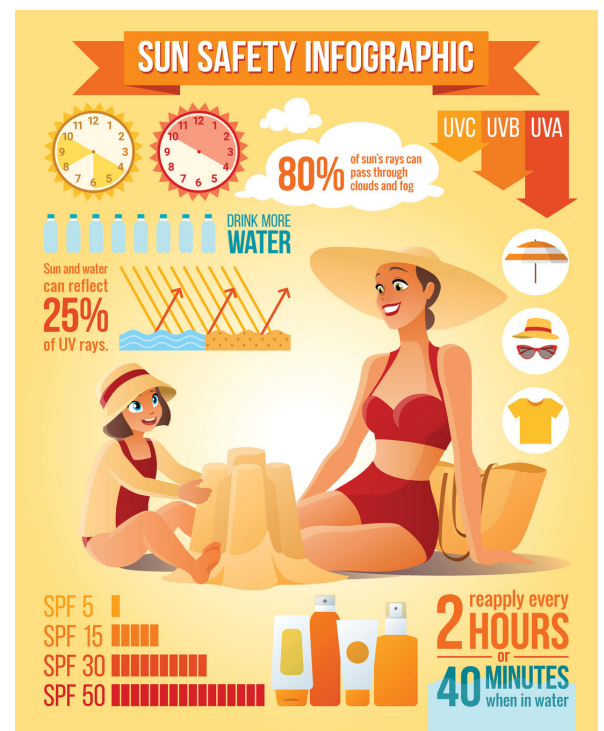
May is Melanoma Awareness Month!

The NDCC UV Safety Workgroup has developed a media toolkit for use during the month of May. May is Melanoma Awareness Month and is the prime time to educate our clients, patients, friends, family, students, employees, etc. about the importance of UV safety from outdoor and tanning device exposure. This easy to use toolkit follows the same format as the Breast Cancer Awareness, Turn ND Blue and Oral Cancer Awareness Month toolkits.

The information and graphics are developed for use on social media, as screen savers, or for print, still ads on internal television, post-cards, flyers, etc. Please share with your media and social media managers!

[Click here to access the Skin Cancer Awareness Campaign materials!](#)

This is also a reminder that there are dermascan machines placed in 6 locations in North Dakota that can be checked out for FREE after completing a 12 minute webinar and post-test. The dermascan is a great educational tool to show cumulative UV damage on the face and is especially useful at health and wellness events, staff trainings, and in classrooms. [Click here to reserve the machine now!](#)



TIP NO. 1



NEVER SKIP
SUNSCREEN

#PREVENTSKINCANCERNND

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Announcements

The 2017 NDCC Membership Call Schedule is now available!

Next call: Monday, May 15, 2017
Annual Business Meeting via Webex for voting

Training Opportunities

Behavioral Health Tobacco Conference

May 8, 2017, 8am-4pm

at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck, ND

Target Audience: registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced practice nurses, respiratory therapists and other healthcare professionals.

Registration Information and Fees:

Cost: \$30.00 for Sanford Employees and Community Healthcare Professionals

General Registration:

Visit www.sanfordhealth.org/conferences and find this event by date. If you do not have a current Success Center account, you will be prompted to create one. An email address is required to create an account.

Sanford Employee Registration:

Register on the Success Center, search: cs-6895
Contact Hours: 6.25 ANCC and 6.0 NDSR

POPULATION HEALTH

Population Health Management Courses Offered

Three online courses focusing population health management are being offered through Minnesota Health Information Technology Training. The courses include Population Health Policy, Population Health Data Analytics, and Population Health Interventions. [Click here to review details.](#)

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Top Stories in Cancer Now!

The Federal Panel that Opposed Prostate Cancer Screening Just Changed Its Mind

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force dropped its opposition to routine screening for prostate cancer for men between the ages of 55 and 69, and now states the test's potential benefits and harms should be discussed with physicians to make decisions based on their own "values and preferences". "The decision about whether to be screened for prostate cancer should be an individual one," the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force said in a draft recommendation issued Tuesday, April 11, 2017. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force also states that "men age 70 years and older, the potential benefits do not outweigh the harms, and these men should not be screened for prostate cancer." [Click here for the USPSTF Update.](#)

Top Stories in Cancer Now! (continued)

Making Greater Progress Against Cancer—Not Just a Hope but a Reality

Released by National Cancer Institute, April 21, 2017 by Douglas R. Lowry, MD (Acting NCI Director)

When one death in four in the United States is due to cancer, progress against this terrible disease is important news. The recently released Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer, 1975–2014, should be encouraging! The report—jointly issued by NCI, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Cancer Society, and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries—finds continued declines in cancer mortality rates for men, women, and children for most cancer sites.

The optimistic portrait of our progress against cancer led me to also reflect upon other ways we can know whether we are making progress.

The CDC's reported mortality rates (in 2015, the year for which they have the most recent figures) further corroborate a decline in cancer deaths. For the past 5 years, nearly 75% of all deaths in the United States could be attributed to the same 10 causes—led by heart disease, cancer, and lung disease. For eight out of the nine major causes other than cancer, mortality rates increased, and for the ninth, they remained flat. Cancer was the only cause where mortality rates actually decreased (by 1.7%) in 2015. **Read more by clicking here!**

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