



North Dakota Cancer Coalition
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June is Cancer Survivorship Awareness Month

Dear North Dakota Physicians,

Cancer survivorship is a distinct phase of cancer care. The current research indicates the number of cancer survivors in the United States has more than tripled to almost 13 million over the past 30 years due to advances in screening, detection, and treatment. The increase in survival rates has left gaps in knowledge regarding the longitudinal cost of health care and long-term well-being of cancer survivors. According to the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the Institute of Medicine, an individual is considered a cancer survivor from the time of diagnosis, through the continuum of their lifespan. The National Comprehensive Cancer Network and Institute of Medicine recommend a patient's medical team, primary care physicians and specialists, coordinate care to ensure that all of the survivor's health needs are met. The following website provides education for primary physicians who care for these cancer survivors. The learning series offers free continuing education credits. These modules can be found at www.cancersurvivorshipcentereducation.org

The North Dakota Cancer Coalition is dedicated to improving the care and well-being of cancer patients and their families. It is the North Dakota Cancer Coalition's goal to improve awareness and knowledge about cancer survivorship. In order to achieve this goal, the NDCC is collaborating with community cancer specialists to develop educational materials for health-care professionals about the short and long-term issues that affect the quality of life of cancer survivors. These materials will be on the North Dakota Cancer Coalition website within the next few months at www.ndcancercoalition.org.

Regards,

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