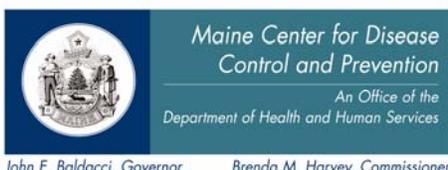


# Comprehensive Cancer Control

## Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

### Maine Department of Health and Human Services

- ❑ For the first time in history, cancer has become the leading cause of death in Maine, with one in four deaths due to cancer.
- ❑ It is estimated that 8,340 Mainers will be diagnosed with cancer in 2007.
- ❑ It is estimated that 3,190 Mainers will die of cancer in 2007.
- ❑ Cancer-related costs for Maine were over \$700 million in 2006.
- ❑ Over half of all cancers can be prevented by not smoking, and controlling weight, improving diet, limiting alcohol, utilizing safer sex practices, and avoiding excessive sun exposure.
- ❑ Due to better detection and treatment, cancer survival rates have increased significantly. 64 % of adults diagnosed with cancer survived for at least five years, and nearly 79% of those who had childhood cancer were alive after 10 years.



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Comprehensive cancer control is defined as “an integrated and coordinated approach to reduce the incidence, morbidity, and mortality of cancer through prevention, early detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation.” In 2001, the Maine Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, in partnership with the Maine Cancer Consortium, released the first comprehensive cancer control plan, which identified goals, objectives, and strategies in cancer prevention, detection, treatment, rehabilitation, survivorship, palliative and end-of-life care. This five-year plan is a roadmap designed to make a significant impact on the burden of cancer in Maine. A second edition of the Cancer Plan was released in the summer of 2006.

#### Program Goals:

- ❑ To increase statewide integration, coordination, and provision of quality prevention, detection, treatment, rehabilitation, survivorship, palliative, and end of life care services in Maine;
- ❑ To increase access to high quality cancer prevention, detection, treatment, rehabilitation, survivorship, palliative, and end of life care information and services for all Maine residents;
- ❑ To increase the proportion of Maine residents who appropriately utilize screening, follow-up, treatment, rehabilitation, survivorship, hospice and palliative care services;
- ❑ To improve the quality and coordination of cancer surveillance and other data systems and the extent to which these and other evaluation data are used for comprehensive cancer control programming and management.

#### Program Activities:

- ❑ Assuring implementation and evaluation of the 2005–2010 Maine Cancer Plan;
- ❑ Funding a Hospice Medicare Utilization Stakeholder’s meeting;
- ❑ Implementing the “No Sun for Baby Program” in all Maine hospitals with birthing units;
- ❑ Encouraging the use of sun safety behaviors in Maine public elementary schools by funding 50 mini-grants to elementary schools;
- ❑ Conducting the “Screen Me!” Colorectal Cancer Social Marketing Campaign to raise awareness of screening;
- ❑ Funding mini-grants to community organizations to raise awareness of the screening;
- ❑ Supporting implementation of the Maine Cancer Plan by providing mini-grants to the Work Groups of the Maine Cancer Consortium;
- ❑ Developing and adopting best practices for rehabilitation/survivorship services;
- ❑ Funding projects to address cancer disparities among minority/ethnic populations in Portland area.

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