

# PARTNERS AND RESOURCES

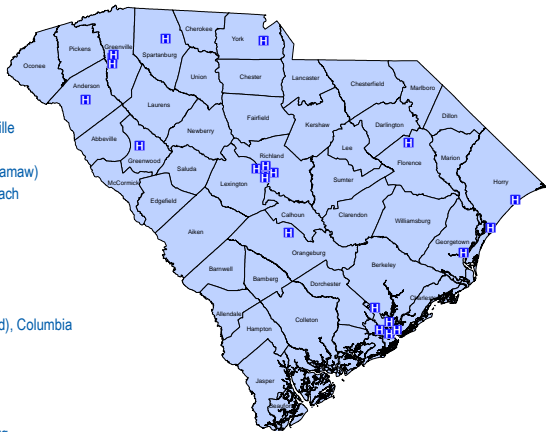
The partners and resources section features organizations that have worked directly with the South Carolina Cancer Alliance (SCCA). They have either provided key funding, leadership on our Board of Directors or Coordinating Council or partnered directly on key cancer control initiatives.

## ACOS Commission on Cancer Accredited Hospitals

<http://www.facs.org/cancer/index.html>

The American College of Surgeons (ACOS) Commission on Cancer (CoC) Accreditation Program encourages hospitals, treatment centers, and other facilities to improve their quality of patient care through various cancer-related programs. These programs focus on prevention, early diagnosis, pretreatment evaluation, staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, surveillance for recurrent disease, support services, and end-of-life care. Recognizing that cancer is a complex group of diseases, the CoC Cancer Program Standards promote consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary cooperation results in improved patient care. South Carolina currently has 19 CoC accredited hospitals.

### Commission on Cancer Accredited Hospitals



- AnMed Health, Anderson
- Bon Secours - St. Francis Health System, Greenville
- Dorn VA Medical Center, Columbia
- Georgetown Hospital System (Georgetown, Waccamaw)
- Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach
- Greenville Hospital Systems, Greenville
- Johnson VA Medical Center, Charleston
- Lexington Medical Center, West Columbia
- McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence
- Medical University of SC (MUSC), Charleston
- Palmetto Health Cancer Centers (Baptist, Richland), Columbia
- Piedmont Medical Center, Rock Hill
- Regional Medical Center, Orangeburg
- Roper St. Francis Healthcare, Charleston
- Self Regional Healthcare, Greenwood
- Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, Spartanburg
- Trident Medical Center, Charleston



## American Cancer Society (ACS)

<http://www.cancer.org>

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. With more than two million volunteers nationwide, the American Cancer Society is one of the oldest and largest voluntary health agencies in the United States. The American Cancer Society consists of a National Home Office with 13 chartered Divisions throughout the United States and a presence in most communities. South Carolina is a part of the South-Atlantic Division and has offices in Columbia, Greenville, Greenwood, Florence, Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach and North Charleston. ACS programs and staff contribute significantly to cancer control efforts throughout South Carolina.

## AnMed Health Cancer Center

<http://www.anmed.com>

The Cancer Center blends sophisticated medical technology with

expert outpatient care and supportive care services. Designed for convenience, the 143,000 square-foot, \$28 million center opened in 2005 and represents a consolidation of multiple services within a single location. Patients undergoing treatment for Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Infusion or Chemotherapy access those services within the Cancer Center. Supportive care services, such as the Cancer Learning Center, Genetics Counseling and impressions appearance shoppe, are available to patients and their families.



## Cancer Centers of the Carolinas

<http://www.cancercarolinas.com>

Cancer Centers of the Carolinas (CCC) is a community-based, physician-owned practice with locations throughout the Upstate of South Carolina. CCC is the Upstate's largest cancer care group treating over 6,000 new patients annually. CCC specializes in medical oncology, radiation oncology, gynecologic oncology, hematology, blood and marrow transplantation and clinical research. CCC is a National Cancer Institute grant recipient and is home to South Carolina's first FACT accredited Stem Cell Transplant Program.

## Cancer Center of the Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center (GHS)

<http://www.ghs.org>

Established in 1978, the GHS Cancer Center is an American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer approved Teaching Hospital Cancer



Program, offering a comprehensive range of clinical services including surgery and gynecologic, pediatric, medical and radiation oncology. Its Multidisciplinary Centers permit patients to be evaluated by a team of physicians; a nurse navigator helps guide and follow their progress through diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation. A Clinical Research Unit lies adjacent to basic science research laboratories, providing patients access to novel translational research therapies. Scientists at GHS and the Cancer Research Center of the University of South Carolina (USC) recently forged collaborations that will lead to application of the latest scientific advances for improvement of cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment. In addition, USC's Department of Exercise Science has teamed with the Cancer Center to offer an oncology rehabilitation program at GHS' medically based wellness center.



## **Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov>

As a leader in nationwide efforts to ease the burden of cancer, CDC works with national cancer organizations, state health agencies, and other key groups to develop, implement, and promote effective strategies for preventing and controlling cancer. Comprehensive cancer control is a collaborative process through which a community and its partners pool resources to reduce the burden of cancer. CDC supports cancer control programs in 50 states, the District of Columbia, seven tribes and tribal organizations, and seven U.S. Associated Pacific Islands/territories. CDC has funded South Carolina efforts since 2003, initially providing grant funds for the development of a state cancer plan and currently providing plan implementation funds. These funds support the SCCA efforts and those at SC DHEC.

## **Children's Chance**

<http://www.childschance.org>

Children's Chance was formed on September 25, 1996 by two mothers who had daughters battling cancer. The organization was started to fill in gaps among the current services provided for pediatric cancer patients and their families. Children's Chance exists to assist children with cancer and their families throughout the state of South Carolina with non medical needs.



## **Clemson University**

<http://www.clemson.edu>

Clemson breast cancer research projects include a project on using engineered tissue with anti-cancer properties in reconstructive breast surgery, development of Diffuse Optical Tomography (DOT) that uses infrared light instead of X-rays to create images of the breast, and treatments for Her2Nu expressed breast cancer. The Joseph F. Sullivan Center at Clemson University also provides screening for low-income women for breast and cervical cancer and serves as a partner in the state Witness program efforts.



## **DHEC Comprehensive Cancer Control Program**

<http://www.scdhec.gov>

Since 1992, SC DHEC has received funding from CDC and the SC General Assembly to conduct a program through which communities and partner organizations pool resources and conduct programs to reduce the burden of cancer. Total funding for the current year is over \$600,000. DHEC's Division of Tobacco Prevention & Control promotes policy and environmental change strategies that address four primary goal areas. These include protecting South Carolinians from exposure to secondhand smoke, helping South Carolinians quit using tobacco products, preventing youth from starting tobacco use and addressing tobacco-related health disparities. DHEC also provides epidemiologic and evaluation support to enhance program efforts. These combined efforts help to reduce cancer risk, detect cancers earlier, make treatments more effective and available, and increase the number of people who survive cancer. DHEC provides major funding to the SC Cancer Alliance and regional health departments to lead in these program efforts.

### **DHEC SC Central Cancer Registry (SCCCR)**

<http://www.scdhec.gov/co/phsis/biostatistics/SCCCR/SCCCRmain.htm>

The SCCCR is a population-based data system that collects cancer incidence (newly diagnosed cases) in South Carolina. It collects data from acute care hospitals, pathology labs, freestanding treatment centers, and physician offices across the state. Data in a central cancer registry are used to study trends in how often cancers occur in a defined area, changes in diagnosis and treatment patterns, and patients' survival rates.

The SCCCR was established at DHEC in 1993. CDC funding from the National Program of Cancer Registries and state matching funds followed in 1994 and state legislation mandating cancer reporting was passed in 1996. Since that time, the SCCCR has consistently met all the standards for gold or silver certification for excellence for timeliness, completeness, and accuracy for statewide cancer incidence and mortality reporting from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries and CDC. This valuable data resource provides the backbone for epidemiologic cancer research efforts in South Carolina.

### **DHEC Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) Network**

<http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/epht/>

DHEC is very excited to have been selected by the CDC to be a part of a cooperative agreement to participate in the Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) Network. EPHT's primary purpose is to establish systematic, ongoing surveillance, and sustainable approaches for tracking and managing data, information and knowledge related to environmental hazards, exposures and resulting health outcomes.

## Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

<http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us>

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is to manage the Medicaid program to provide the best healthcare value for South Carolinians. Medicaid is a publicly funded insurance program that pays for some low-income people's health care needs. Every state has its own Medicaid program. DHHS also implements the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act, partnering with the Best Chance Network and medical providers throughout the state, to provide Medicaid coverage for eligible women diagnosed with breast and cervical cancer.



## GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL SYSTEM

### Georgetown Hospital System

<http://www.georgetownhospitalsystem.org>

Georgetown Hospital System, a two-hospital organization located on the coast in Georgetown County, South Carolina, offers a comprehensive cancer program with a variety of oncology related services and programs. At the center of Georgetown Hospital System's cancer services is The Francis B. Ford Cancer Treatment Center. The center opened in 2004, and combined the availability of the existing Waccamaw Medical Oncology Practice with a Radiation Therapy Center. Prior to the center's opening, Georgetown County radiation therapy patients were forced to leave the county for services. The Francis B. Ford Cancer Center is affiliated with the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center. These programs are bridged through MUSC Radiation Oncology Services and the Hollings Clinical Trials Network.

### Susan G. Komen for the Cure

<http://www.komen.org>

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became Susan G. Komen for the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement. They are the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. Susan G. Komen has two affiliate offices in South Carolina, the Lowcountry Affiliate in North Charleston and SC Mountains to Midlands Affiliate in Greenville.



### Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

<http://www.lls.org>

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and

patient services. LLS's mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Since the first funding in 1954, LLS has awarded more than \$680 million in research funding. The Society's South Carolina Chapter is located in Columbia and supports research, education and patient service programs throughout the state.

## **Lexington Medical Center**

<http://www.lexmed.com>



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Lexington Medical Center is a 384-

bed state-of-the-art hospital that anchors a countywide health care network including six community medical centers throughout Lexington County, the largest extended care facility in the state, an occupational health center and physician practices. Its cancer programs utilize a holistic, multidisciplinary approach for effective cancer care, helping patients and families navigate through diagnosis, treatment and recovery. In addition to the advanced diagnostic and therapeutic technology available at Lexington Medical Center, the dedicated and compassionate staff provides the highest quality care to patients and their families.

## **McLeod Health**

*The Choice for Medical Excellence.*

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<http://www.mcleodhealth.org>

The McLeod Cancer Center for Treatment and Research is devoted to medical excellence, bringing the latest advancements in cancer treatment and prevention to the residents of the Pee Dee region. They are fully equipped for the most comprehensive treatment of all cancers through surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation and are the region's only program approved as a "Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program" by the American College of Surgeons.

## **MUSC - Hollings Cancer Center**

<http://hcc.musc.edu>

Located on the Medical University of South Carolina campus in Charleston, the Hollings Cancer Center (HCC) is the largest academic-based cancer program in the state. They are the only NCI-designated cancer center in South Carolina and one of only 65 in the country. They unite medical, research, and scientific resources in a single location, with a singular focus on cancer. These resources are extended throughout the state via partnerships with other healthcare organizations, ensuring that all residents have access to innovative care. Part of the mission of the HCC is to advance the understanding of cancer. To that end, they seek to move beyond their hospitals and facilities into the communities they serve. The HCC places a premium on building an interdisciplinary Cancer Prevention & Control research program that addresses epidemiology, primary prevention, early detection, and survivorship. Cancer disparities is a focus that cuts across all these areas. The HCC uses epidemiology and prevention and control research to advance understanding of the causes of cancer, to develop new methods to detect or prevent cancer, and to



apply this knowledge to reduce the occurrence of cancer. For cancer patients, they seek to increase survival and enhance quality of life.



## **National Cancer Institute (NCI)**

<http://www.cancer.gov>

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) coordinates the National Cancer Program, which conducts and supports research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer, rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and the families of cancer patients. NCI plays a unique leadership role in bringing together public, private and academic stakeholders across disciplines to hasten the pace of scientific progress and dramatically alter the impact of cancer. NCI invests in an extensive strategic program to facilitate cancer research and associated activities, and regularly reports on this important stewardship and breakthrough opportunities. Here in South Carolina, NCI grant funding supports many cancer control efforts, including those based in academic and clinical settings.

## **Palmetto Health Cancer Centers**

<http://www.palmettohealth.org>

The Palmetto Health Cancer Centers in Columbia is one of the most comprehensive cancer programs in the Southeast, with 2,500 patients diagnosed and treated each year. Through an interdisciplinary effort, composed of physicians, researchers and health care professionals from Palmetto Health Richland, Palmetto Health Baptist, and the University of South Carolina, the Cancer Centers strive to deliver unsurpassed clinical services, conduct basic and translational research, and sponsor cancer prevention and control programs. The Cancer Centers are approved by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as the first Network (multi-site) Cancer Program in the state.



## **SCCA Cancer Education Guide**

<http://www.sccanceralliance.org/resources/guide.aspx>

The SCCA Cancer Education Guide, supported in part by the Macy's Foundation, was developed to be a tool to educate South Carolina citizens about the prevention of and early detection of cancer. This presentation reviews all of the American Cancer Society cancer screening guidelines and provides links and information to resources for cancer screening services for individuals who are uninsured or underinsured. Since October 2005, 22 Cancer Education Guide trainings have been held statewide with 463 Facilitators trained and over 2400 community members benefiting from the CEG information. The Cancer Education Guide, which targets at-risk populations, has been particularly successful at attracting heavy minority participation.



## SC Gastroenterology Association

<http://www.scgastroassn.com>

The purpose of the South Carolina Gastroenterology Association is to: promote the digestive health of South Carolinians, to foster the development and fellowship of physicians and medical professionals who have similar interests, in the practice of gastroenterology and endoscopy and to maintain the highest standard of clinical practice in

the field of gastroenterology and endoscopy.

## SC Hospital Association

<http://www.scha.org>

South Carolina Hospital Association is a private, not-for-profit organization made up of some 100 member hospitals and health systems and about 900 personal members associated with our institutional members. The South Carolina Hospital Association was created in 1921 to serve as the collective voice of the state's hospital community. The Association is proud to be a part of the state's hospital industry, adding value to hospitals' efforts to care for the people of South Carolina. By helping to keep South Carolina's hospitals healthy, we are helping to keep our state healthy.



## South Carolina Medical Association

*Voice of One. Power of Many.*

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<http://www.scmanet.org>

The SC Medical Association (SCMA), comprised of nearly 7,000 physicians, was founded in 1848 and is the voice of the

medical profession in South Carolina. Its purpose is to support the efforts of South Carolina physicians and to advocate for quality medical care and good health on behalf of the citizens of South Carolina, as well as to represent and serve the interests of physicians.

## SCMA Journal (Cancer Disparities)

[http://sccdnc.sph.sc.edu/resources/JSCMA\\_aug06\\_full.pdf](http://sccdnc.sph.sc.edu/resources/JSCMA_aug06_full.pdf)

The Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association produced a special issue in August, 2006 featuring 14 articles on cancer disparities in South Carolina. The Journal presented a series of articles on the epidemiology and prevention of the seven cancers of most critical importance in South Carolina; Breast, Cervix, Colon, Esophagus, Lung, Oral Cavity, and Prostate. The special issue offered a unique opportunity to learn and then spread the word about the challenges and opportunities to tackle cancer as a clinical and public health issue in South Carolina.



## SC Oncology Society

<http://www.scosonline.com>

The South Carolina Oncology Society (SCOS) represents the common interests of a majority of the oncologists treating cancer in South Carolina. SCOS is a chapter member of the Association of Community Cancer Centers and an affiliate of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Their mission is to provide advocacy for cancer patients and to promote the standards of excellence for high-quality cancer care.



**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Cancer Disparities Community Network

## SC Cancer Disparities Community Network (SCCDCN)

<http://www.sccdcn.sph.sc.edu>

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) funded SCCDCN is a partnership between the University of South Carolina, State Baptist Young Woman's Auxiliary of the South Carolina Woman's Baptist Education and Missionary Convention, South Carolina Primary Health Care Association, and the Carolina Community Based Health Supports Network. SCCDCN's goal is to reduce cancer health disparities. By partnering with African-American and other faith communities in South Carolina, the SCCDCN aims to strengthen existing efforts and build new programs that help to reduce the gap.

## SC Tobacco Collaborative

<http://www.sctobacco.org>

The South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative (SCTC) is a statewide assembly of the leading health organizations, community coalitions, and businesses committed to reducing the toll of tobacco use in South Carolina by providing resources and information on tobacco related policies to advocates, lawmakers and concerned citizens. SCTC's partnerships with coalitions are utilized to address local tobacco issues and promote positive public health policies at the community level.



**Spartanburg Regional**

GIBBS CANCER CENTER

## Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

<http://www.spartanburgregional.com>

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System's Gibbs Cancer Center, is a nationally recognized cancer treatment and research facility associated with the National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Center program, the Medical University of South Carolina and the M.D. Anderson Physicians Network. Their oncology program has been recognized by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons and by The Joint Commission as offering high quality cancer care. The NCI Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP) is a three-year pilot program to test the concept of a national network of community cancer centers to expand cancer research and deliver the most advanced cancer care to Americans in the communities in which they live.



## USC Cancer Prevention and Control Program

<http://www.cpcp.sph.sc.edu>

The University of South Carolina's Cancer Prevention and Control Program (CPCP), which is primarily funded through the National Institutes of Health (including the NCI), works closely with individuals, organizations, and communities to encourage and make possible cancer prevention, early detection, and appropriate care for those diagnosed with cancer. The CPCP has many current projects, in which research findings are used for planning, monitoring, and evaluating cancer prevention and detection activities throughout the state. They are committed to finding solutions to ease the burden of cancer affecting South Carolina residents.

## USC Center for Colon Cancer Research (CCCR)

<http://cccr.sc.edu>

The Center for Colon Cancer Research (CCCR) has stepped up South Carolina's basic science research and outreach efforts to battle the nation's second-deadliest form of cancer. The center works with organizational partners across the state – public health professionals, clinicians, physicians, nurses, survivors, advocates, government officials, and policy experts-to combat the disease through research, education, awareness, and screening. The CCCR has partnered with the SCCA and the American Cancer Society to implement the **Shop Talk Movement**. Shop Talk is an evidence-based strategy to mobilize beauty salons and barbershops statewide by training salon owners, stylists, and barbers to become Colorectal Cancer champions and health advocates.

