

Measuring Progress

In future report cards we intend to describe cancer related resources in our state and assess our progress in engaging these resources, initiatives and policy change. South Carolina has many existing cancer resources in the private and public sectors. These include screening and statewide data collection programs, state and federal agencies and funding for comprehensive cancer planning and control, physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, numerous non-profit organizations (at least 68), and hospitals including 17 accredited by the American College of Surgeons (ACOS) Commission on Cancer.

The South Carolina Cancer Alliance (SCCA) has five task forces: Advocacy & Policy, Early Detection, Patient Care, Prevention and Research. Through these task forces, the SCCA will foster partnerships to assist individuals, agencies and businesses in strengthening and expanding their capacity to address cancer issues. We will track and grade our work together to reduce the impact of cancer on ALL people in South Carolina. Ultimately, we will be facilitating the development and dissemination of programs locally and statewide. For us to succeed, policy makers, individuals, organizations and other stakeholders must collaborate. We must address cancer prevention, research, early detection and diagnosis, treatment, and support for survivors and their families. Through improved communications, networking, cooperation and collaboration, the South Carolina Cancer Alliance will help us as a state to “make the grade.”