

Increasing Gynecologic Oncologist Treatment for Ovarian Cancer: A Spotlight on CDC's National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP)



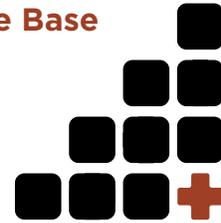
Background



Overall survival for ovarian cancer increases when women receive treatment from a gynecologic oncologist. NCCCP award recipients would benefit from evidence-based implementation strategies that help women get to a gynecologic oncologist.

Building the Evidence Base

CDC conducted a tailored literature search to identify promising strategies for increasing receipt of ovarian cancer care from a gynecologic oncologist. **Twenty-five approaches were identified and categorized under five strategies.^a**



Increasing knowledge and awareness of the role and importance of gynecologic oncologists



Improving models of care



Improving payment structures



Improving and increasing insurance coverage for gynecologic oncologist care



Expanding or enhancing the gynecologic oncologist workforce

Three NCCCP award recipients conducted and evaluated activities for three of the strategies described above.



Iowa Department of Public Health



- Provider education
- Patient education
- General public education



- Referral systems



Michigan Department of Health and Human Services



- Provider education
- Patient education
- General public education



- Patient navigation



Rhode Island Department of Health



- Provider education
- General public education
- Partnership development and enrichment



- Use of survivors to teach students

^a Stewart SL, Mezzo JL, Nielsen D, Rim SH, Moore AR, Bhalakia A, House M. Potential Strategies to Increase Gynecologic Oncologist Treatment for Ovarian Cancer. *Journal of Womens' Health (Larchmt)*. 2021 Jun;30(6):769-781. doi:10.1089/jwh.2021.0178. PMID: 34128688.

Formed partnerships with more than 10 entities to design and conduct the following activities. Data from this demonstration project provide evidence to increase ovarian cancer treatment adherence.

Increasing knowledge and awareness of the role and importance of gynecologic oncologists

Provider education:^b

- 1 educational handout
- 1 checklist
- 1 toolkit
- 2 webinars
- 1 roundtable discussion

Increasing knowledge and awareness of the role and importance of gynecologic oncologists

Ovarian cancer patient education:^c

- 1 educational handout
- 1 checklist with companion document
- 2 podcasts

Expanding or enhancing the gynecologic oncologist workforce

Use of survivors in teaching students

- 8 Survivors Teaching Students[®] workshops

Improving models of care

Referral systems

- 1 provider handout with referral processes to a gynecologic oncologist

Patient navigation

- 1 manual for patient navigators to help patients and providers get gynecologic oncologist referrals

Outcomes

- 1 new Ovarian Cancer Survivorship Task Force
- 167 medical and nursing students educated by ovarian cancer survivors
- 3 provider education sessions reaching 362 providers in 45 states
- **Short-term increases** in providers' knowledge, awareness, abilities, and intentions related to referring ovarian cancer patients to a gynecologic oncologist for care and treatment

^b Providers included, but was not limited to, primary care providers, obstetric gynecologists, and medical and nursing students.

^c Includes women diagnosed with or suspected of having ovarian cancer.