

Helping Health Systems Turn Evidence into Action

American Cancer Society Accelerating Research to Care Network

The Challenge

Breakthroughs in cancer care, prevention, and screening are happening fast, but many people never benefit from these advances. In fact, the timeline from research discovery to clinical implementation typically spans about 17 years between research developments and implementation into clinical practice. The American Cancer Society (ACS) is partnering with health systems to help bring research more quickly into practice, implementing proven strategies across the health care ecosystem to improve outcomes and accelerate innovation.

Unlike traditional approaches that focus solely on generating evidence, we cultivate relationships with health care partners to translate evidence into real-world practice, resulting in measurable improvements in patient outcomes and experiences. ACS strategically identifies focus areas based on cancer landscape changes, newly deployed clinical innovations, and health system needs.

Finding Solutions Together

Whether you're an individual clinician or a large health plan, we invite you to join our collaborative network of health care partners, working to translate evidence into practice. Share your high-priority challenges with us, and together we can find solutions to advance equitable opportunities for care across the cancer continuum. Health systems can choose to engage across any of the levels of engagement listed below based on their level of readiness and capacity. Alternatively, they may progress across levels as needed to align with evolving needs and goals.

Levels of Engagement:

- 1) **Knowledge translation:** Any health care professional can participate in free educational opportunities, including learning communities, webinars, and **Project ECHO** sessions. These interactive sessions are designed to help health care professionals identify and prioritize the best quality evidence that has the most potential to improve care for the populations they serve.
- 2) **Evidence implementation:** Longitudinal implementation collaboratives with data sharing and analytics, evidence-based implementation resources, and practice facilitation using a validated model to improve quality of care. Implementation grant opportunities for systems with implementation experience who are ready to join a community focused on solving a pressing problem across the cancer continuum.
- 3) **Practice transformation:** Intensive, tailored support to solve specific problems related to quality-of-care delivery across the cancer continuum. Our experienced consultants provide biweekly improvement coaching, data review and recommendations, and expert consultation to support change that improves outcomes for patients across all phases of cancer care.

Get Started

We invite physicians, nurses, patient navigators, cancer centers, FQHCs, health plans, public health departments, state coalitions, and more to join us. To get started, our team of implementation and improvement experts deploys a comprehensive readiness assessment that accounts for multiple levels of internal and external context around your challenges. This allows us to match health systems with American Cancer Society Accelerating Research to Care Network programming that will maximize impact. Let's find solutions together.

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