



# Florida Cancer Liaison Physician Newsletter



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## Dear Florida CLP,

The Commission on Cancer recently published "2007 Year in Review", highlighting accomplishments in the past year. Consider sharing some of these topics at your next cancer committee meeting.

- **CoC Disease Site Teams** published 20 papers, and had 15 abstracts presented at national meetings using data from the National Cancer Database (NCDB)

- The **CoC Online Education Center** continued to add courses, including new topics for physicians on breast and colorectal cancer staging, and for cancer registrars on breast, colorectal, and lymphoma staging.

- The New York Times published an article highlighting quality measures being used in the **CP3R and e-QuIP** applications by CoC approved programs.

- The Committee on Cancer Liaison identified five **Priority Areas for CLPs** in 2007-2008: Strategies were developed around the areas of quality improvement, advocacy, American Cancer Society partnership, clinical trials and comprehensive cancer control.

## Cancer Funding Cuts in Florida

The proposed House budget currently contains more than \$1 billion in healthcare cuts, and the Senate version slashes healthcare programs by more than \$800 million. Both budgets cut cancer research (the Bankhead-Coley Program) by 16.7 percent, from \$9 million to \$7.5 million.

Calls and e-mails to our law-makers are needed immediately. Learn more about how you can get involved at the **American Cancer Society**

**Cancer Action Network:**

[http://www.acscan.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ActionCenter\\_FL](http://www.acscan.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ActionCenter_FL)

## Cancer Liaison Physician Meeting

A CLP meeting will be hosted during the Annual Meeting of the Florida Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

**The Breakers Hotel ~ Palm Beach, Florida**

**May 22-25, 2008**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

Our featured Key Note Speaker will be David Ota, M.D., FACS, Co-Chair of the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group. All CLPs are welcome and encouraged to attend. Learn more, and register for this event at

<http://www.floridaacs.org>

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