

Reducing Cancer Disparities in Connecticut and Beyond

Center for Eliminating Health Disparities among Latinos
2nd Annual Conference
Wednesday, May 16, 2007
Rome Ballroom, University of Connecticut at Storrs

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Conference Objectives:

To bring together researchers, physicians and public health practitioners, community agencies and students to learn:

- State of the art knowledge in the area of cancer primary prevention, screening and treatment among minority groups
 - From each other about applied work being done in Connecticut
 - About innovative initiatives beyond Connecticut
- About potentially exciting collaborations in the area of cancer among minority groups in Connecticut and beyond

PROGRAM

8:00 – 8:30	<i>Registration & Refreshments</i>
8:30 – 8:35	<i>Introduction, Rafael Pérez-Escamilla, PhD, CEHDL Director</i>
8:35 – 8:45	<i>Inauguration, Robert Galvin, MD, MPH, CT Department of Public Health Commissioner</i>
8:45 – 9:00	<i>What do we mean by health disparities?</i> David Gregorio, PhD, UConn MPH Program Director
9:00 – 10:00	<i>Keynote address- Obesity and Cancer: A Health Disparities Perspective</i> Tim Byers, MD, MPH, University of Colorado Cancer Center Questions & Answers (15 minutes)
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Break</i>
10:15 – 11:45	<i>Cancer Epidemiology among minorities (vs. whites) in Connecticut and beyond</i> (Chair, Mary Lou Fleissner, DrPH (DPH)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cancer rates among island Puerto Ricans compared to the continental Hispanic and non-Hispanic US population</i> Ana Patrica Ortiz, PhD, MPH, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Puerto Rico, School of Public Health • <i>Using the Connecticut Tumor Registry: Cancer Incidence, Stage at Diagnosis and Survival in Connecticut Minorities</i> Anthony Polednak, PhD, Connecticut DPH • <i>Use of Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Data in the Evaluation of Cancer Screening Activities Among Connecticut Adults</i> Diane Aye, PhD, Connecticut DPH • <i>Respondent: Stacey Cruess, PhD (Department of Psychology and CHIP, UConn)</i> Questions & Answers (15 minutes)
11:45 – 1:00	<i>Lunch buffet</i>
1:00 – 2:15	<i>Approaches</i> (chaired by Jyoti Chhabra, PhD, Hartford Hospital) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Community based</i> Merrill Singer, PhD, Hispanic Health Council • <i>DNA-Guided Prevention and Treatment of Breast Cancer</i> Gualberto Ruaño, PhD, MD, Hartford Hospital & Genomas • <i>How Latinas use the internet for health information</i> Bret Shaw, PhD, University of Wisconsin Questions & Answers (15 minutes)
2:15 – 2:30	<i>Break</i>
2:30 – 3:30	<i>Programs to Improve Cancer outcomes for Latinos</i> (Chair, Debbie Humphries, PhD, MPH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Increasing internet-based support and information for cancer patients.</i> Susana Torres-Corona, MS, University of Wisconsin. • <i>Increasing prostate cancer awareness and screening through barbershop outreach.</i> Andrew L. Salner, M.D., F.A.C.R., Hartford Hospital • <i>Increasing breast and cervical cancer screening; enhancing healthy living choices.</i> Nancy Berger, MPH, (Director, Office of Multicultural Health/Comprehensive Cancer) • <i>Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP): A model for community based education.</i> Linda Drake, MS, UConn Cooperative Extension and Department of Nutritional Sciences • <i>Community Based, Culturally Tailored Cancer Support.</i> Grace Damio, Karem Perez-Rivera, Denise Rivera (Hispanic Health Council)
3:30 – 3:45	<i>Questions & Answers</i>
3:45 – 4:15	<i>Summary and closing remarks</i> Andrew L. Salner, M.D., F.A.C.R., Hartford Hospital & Rafael Pérez-Escamilla, PhD, CEHDL Director, CEHDL