

VTAAC Prevention & Detection Taskforce

Goal: Activities focus on preventing cancer from occurring or recurring and detecting cancer at its earliest stages.

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Overview of P+D Taskforce Activities September 2023 – September 2024



Planned efforts

TBD – Group met in Sept 2024 to review Cancer Plan Status Report 2, cancer data and discuss prevention and detection evidence-based interventions. November meeting to provide further discussion around priorities and future direction.



Vermont Cancer Plan 2025 Alignment

Goal 2. Reduce exposure to tobacco among Vermonters.

Goal 4. Prevent HPV infections in young Vermonters.

Goal 5. Reduce exposure to environmental hazards for Vermonters, including 1) radon and other environmental hazards and 2) UV radiation from sun and sun lamps.

Goal 6-9. Increase early detection of colorectal cancer, cervical cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer in Vermonters.

Goal 10. Improve prostate cancer risk assessment & informed decision-making.



Progress to date

- **September 27, 2023:** LGBTQ+ Focused Care at Grace Cottage presentation by Summer Burch and Juliette Carr. The Cancer Screening Guide was finalized, and a dissemination plan discussed.
- **February 13, 2024:** Prostate cancer data presented by Lauren Ressue, Cancer Plan and screening recommendations presented by Sharon Mallory. Scott Perrapato, DO, Urologist at UVM, presented current data and trends in prostate cancer, along with current UVM provider education efforts. Part 1 of 2-part series on prostate cancer. Gaps in membership was discussed. (HS)
- **May 21, 2024:** Scott Perrapato gave an update on the UVM EMR change: adding a pop up for patients if they meet certain criteria to encourage shared-decision making for prostate cancer. This will be rolled out to PCP offices in the future. Three ideas for future areas of collaboration: support prostate cancer provider education and getting other health care systems on board with EMR change; Education around updated breast cancer screening recommendations; Connection between prevention & physical activity discussed. (HS)
- **Sept. 19, 2024:** Cancer Plan Status Report 2 was discussed with particular attention to prevention and detection data. Evidence-based interventions were also discussed according to the Community Guide and with special attention to effective activities that this taskforce could work on/help healthcare systems implement. Further discussion will take place in November, along with a presentation from You First and Colorectal Cancer Control Program Manager, Justin Pentenrieder.



Related Resources

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[2025 Vermont Cancer Plan](#)

[Cancer Plan Status Report 2](#)

[Cancer Screening Guide](#)