

TEXAS Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition  
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**GOVERNOR PERRY HONORS TEXAS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL COALITION  
FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE**

AUSTIN, 2008/09/23 Gov. Rick Perry today congratulated the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition (the Coalition) on its 10 years of dedicated and compassionate service providing cancer control and prevention to the communities of Texas. Established to bring together key stakeholders dedicated to cancer control from communities across the state, the Coalition is also charged with implementing the goals of the *Texas Cancer Plan*.

Initiated in 1998 with grant funding from the Centers for Disease Control, the Coalition's formation was a joint effort by the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Cancer Council. Today, the consensus-run Coalition has representatives from approximately 40 local, state and national organizations including Texas's three National Cancer Institute recognized cancer centers, Academic Health Science Centers, and a wide spectrum of community cancer coalitions and national advocacy groups including the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Lance Armstrong Foundation, the Intercultural Cancer Council, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Davor Vugrin, MD, FACP, the Coalition's Chairman noted that "We're proud of the Coalition's 10 years of achievements. We look forward to continued efforts to fulfill the *Texas Cancer Plan* and to coordinating with the new Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Working together we can make a cancer-free Texas a reality."

Over the past several years, the Coalition collaborated with the Texas Cancer Registry in its efforts to achieve Gold Standard level certification, participated in creation and support of five community cancer control coalitions (Amarillo, Lubbock, Del Rio, Wichita Falls and Tyler), as well as stimulated community-based colorectal cancer projects, tobacco control and smoke-free community programs. In addition to helping develop the Texas Cancer Control Toolkit, the Coalition and its members

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participated in the creation of important documents, such as: *The Cost of Cancer in Texas*, first published in 2001 with the 2008 update pending, the *Prostate Cancer Action Plan* (2001), *Texas Facts & Figures*, with most recent update just released, and *Making the Texas Cancer Plan a Reality: Cost Estimates for Implementation* (2008).

*About the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition*

The Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition exists to promote, enhance and expand all public and private partners' efforts to implement the *Texas Cancer Plan 2005: A statewide blueprint for cancer prevention and control in Texas, 4th Edition*.

The aim of the Coalition is to advance cooperative efforts that focus on the goals of the Texas Cancer Plan: cancer prevention, early detection and treatment, professional training, cancer data and planning, and survivorship. For more information on activities, reports and publications of the Coalition, please visit [www.dshs.state.tx.us/tcccp/coalition.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/tcccp/coalition.shtm)

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