CHP F214 Cancer: Risks, Diagnosis and Treatment
Cancer Education with Storytelling

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September 12 – November 30, 2017 Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm
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Objectives:
Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Discuss pathways for self-care.
- Identify ways to include daily, healthy activities to support wellness.
- Discuss ways to reduce cancer risk, including healthy choices about nutrition, physical activity, alcohol, and tobacco use.
- Know recommended cancer screening exams and screening guidelines for breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate cancers.
- Discuss the barriers and benefits of cancer screening.
- Answer common questions about cancer screening exams and procedures.
- Know possible cancer warning signs using the word C.A.U.T.I.O.N.
- State how a cancer diagnosis is made.
- Understand basic cancer words including biopsy, malignant, benign, tumor, primary site, metastasis, remission, and stage of cancer.
- Explain the importance of early detection for cancer treatment.
- Know cancer resources to find help and learn more.
- Apply cancer knowledge to create a digital story sharing a personal cancer education message.
- Share cancer information.
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| Sept. 12 | Welcome, Getting to Know Each Other, Course Overview, and Self-Care | Emphasizes the importance of self-care as a patient care provider and healthy ways of living. | Complete: *Pre-course Needs Assessment  
*Self-Health Assessment  
*Informed Consent  
Weekly Post: What do you enjoy doing for self-care/fun? |                                                                 |
| Sept. 14 | Understanding Cancer Basics | Discuss how a cancer diagnosis is made, types of cancers, and common medical words. | Cancer Basics | Weekly Post: How do we make a difference in the story of cancer for ourselves, our families, our patients, and our communities? |
| Sept. 19 | Cancer and Our Genes | Discuss the role genes play in cancer and the differences among sporadic, familial, and hereditary cancers. | Cancer and Our Genes | No Weekly Post. |
| Sept. 26 | Storytelling as a Health Messaging Tool | Introduction to Storytelling Together we will discuss what storytelling and digital storytelling is and how it could be used to help facilitate difficult conversations and can be an effective way to share knowledge that helps people to think about ways they can make change or affect change themselves around wellness. | Smoking | Weekly Post: Please post a personal picture, and share with us what happened before, during, and after this picture. |
| Sept. 28 | Tobacco and Cancer | Together we will discuss helpful ways to support people choosing to stop tobacco use including: the 5 As (Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange), motivational interviewing, harmful effects of tobacco use, as well as quit tips. | Smoking | Weekly Post: What are your challenges, successes, and experiences with supporting people to be tobacco free? |
| Oct. 3 | Men’s Health | Learn about prostate, colorectal, and testicular cancers, as well as ways to stay healthy and ways to decrease cancer risk. | Men’s Health | Using Cancer Information Resources Assignment  
*Think of a question you have about cancer and using one of the helpful resources listed online find an answer to your question.  
Present and Post:  
1. What you asked.  
2. What you learned.  
3. What resource you used to find medically-accurate information.  
4. If you would recommend this resource and why. |
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<td>Oct. 5</td>
<td>Women's Health</td>
<td>Learn about women’s cancers as well as clinical breast exams, mammograms, Pap tests and the HPV vaccine to help prevent or find and treat cancer early.</td>
<td>Weekly Post: How do you encourage people to have recommended screening exams? Challenges and Successes.</td>
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| Oct. 10| Colon Health                 | Learn about recommended screening exams that prevent colorectal cancer by finding and removing polyps (abnormal growths in the colon or rectum) before they become cancer, and ways to find colorectal cancer early when it can best be treated | Colon Health Weekly Post: Healthy Behaviors to Decrease Cancer Risk Assignment  
Research a lifestyle behavior that effects cancer risk.  
Present and Post:  
1. The behavior you chose.  
2. Why you chose that topic.  
3. Description of risk factor.  
4. Things people can do to influence that risk factor. |
| Oct. 12 | Focusing Your Story          | We will discuss ways to fine-tune your story and to keep it short and simple. Digital stories are not about how many words are used, but what words are used, and how to say parts of a story with images instead of words. Your typed story of 250-300 words will serve as your “script” for your digital story.  
We will also cover who you want to hear your story – who is your main audience? | Weekly Post: Weekly Post:  
Watch the 3 assigned digital stories and answer these questions about that story in your post:  
1. What stood out for you in the stories?  
2. Were you able to relate to the stories?  
3. What new insights or learnings did you get from the stories?  
4. What do you think you may do now after viewing these stories? |
| Oct. 17 | Story Circle                 | The Story Circle is an important part of the script-building session – it is what makes digital storytelling, Storytelling. The whole group will convene in the Story Circle to share scripts and provide guided feedback and the group will act as an initial audience. | Weekly Post: Weekly Post:  
Please post how the course is going for you.  
*Are you learning what you hoped to learn?  
*What's working well?  
*What could we do better? |
| Oct. 19 | Sharing Story Script         | We will discuss together as a group your final script.                                                                                                                                                   | Weekly Post: Weekly Post:  
Post your 200-250 word story script. |
| Oct. 24 | Recording and Storyboarding  | 1. We will cover how storyboarding is the “map” of how your images will match up with your words.  
2. We will cover how to use your smartphone or Sound Recorder to record your script, which will serve as the narration for your digital story. | Weekly Post: Weekly Post:  
Post recording of your story. |
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<td>Oct. 31</td>
<td>Working with Images</td>
<td>We will discuss how to choose photographs, maps, letters, menus, newspaper articles, ticket stubs, candy wrappers, etc. that is relevant to your story.</td>
<td>No Weekly Post. View online image tutorials. View assigned digital stories and note how many images were used and how text was used as “images”.</td>
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<td>Nov. 2</td>
<td>Cancer Treatments: What to Expect</td>
<td>Discuss common cancer treatments, side effects and comfort measures.</td>
<td>Cancer Treatment Weekly Post: How do we take care of ourselves as a caregiver when someone is diagnosed and treated with cancer? What are some ways we can provide comfort and support when someone we know is diagnosed with cancer?</td>
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<td>Nov. 7</td>
<td>Cancer Pain: Assessment and Management</td>
<td>Discuss ways to identify, manage, and relieve pain associated with cancer or cancer treatments.</td>
<td>Cancer Pain Weekly Post: Tell at least one person something you have learned in the class. Post who you talked with (friend, family, etc.), what you shared, and their reaction.</td>
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<td>Nov. 9</td>
<td>Loss, Grief and End-of-Life Comfort Care</td>
<td>Discuss loss and grief, the grieving process, and healthy coping skills.</td>
<td>Loss, Grief and End-of-Life Care Weekly Post: What are traditions within your family, community or culture to support grief and healing from loss?</td>
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<td>Nov. 14</td>
<td>Nutrition and Physical Activity</td>
<td>Discuss eating well, being active, and decreasing cancer risk.</td>
<td>Nutrition and Physical Activity Weekly Post: You are invited to a healthy potluck to decrease your cancer risk- what food will you bring? What traditional foods are common in your community? What are fun ways that you stay physically active?</td>
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<td>Nov. 16</td>
<td>VideoPad</td>
<td>Introduction to VideoPad, a free video editing software program that will be used to make your digital story.</td>
<td>No Weekly Post. View VideoPad tutorials.</td>
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<td>Nov. 21</td>
<td>Working on Your Movie</td>
<td>Individual assistance will be offered to assist with movie development.</td>
<td>No Weekly Post. View VideoPad tutorials.</td>
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<td>Nov. 28</td>
<td>VideoPad: Adding music, Publishing your movie</td>
<td>We will cover how to add music, and publish your VideoPad project to a movie format.</td>
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<td>Nov. 30</td>
<td>Digital Story Showing</td>
<td>Now What? How can you use this learning in your community? What will you do because of this learning? Where do we go from here? How can you share with others?</td>
<td>Complete End-of-Course Evaluation</td>
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**Assignments:** Participants are required to complete the assignments as listed below.

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1. **Actively participate** in each of the weekly meetings or listen to the audio recording.  
   (Total = 20 points)

2. **Complete all 10 online learning modules**, successfully pass each quiz, and complete each module evaluation before each class. *This is required to receive a passing grade in the course.*  
   (Total = 20 points)

3. **Participate in the Weekly Posts.** Share your ideas in the weekly posts and respond to at least one classmates’ post each week. (10 weeks **Total = 30 points**)

4. **Using Cancer Information Resources Assignment (Total = 10 points)**  
   Present and Post. Think of a question you have about cancer and using one of the helpful resources listed online find an answer to your question. Post online: 1) what you asked; 2) what you learned; 3) what resource you used, and 4) if you would recommend this resource and why.

5. **Healthy Behaviors to Decrease Cancer Risk Assignment (Total = 10 points)**  
   Choose 1 of the options below. Present and Post.  
   Option 1: Tell a traditional story, what it means, and what we can learn from it that will help us live a healthier life. Post the story and a paragraph describing your response to the story.  
   Option 2: Choose a lifestyle behavior that effects cancer risk. Tell the class the cancer risk factor you picked as your topic, why you chose that topic, describe the topic, and what people can do to influence that risk factor, action plan or tips. Post online should include: 1) Your topic and why you chose the topic; 2) description of risk factor; and, 3) why it is important, include action plan/tips.

6. **Digital Story (Total = 10 points)**  
   Write a personal 200-250 word script/story that shares a cancer education message and builds upon cancer knowledge learned as part of this course. Find photos or images to go with your health message. Show your completed digital story during the course or how you used storytelling and images to share a cancer health message. Show your story or your health messaging tool to someone.

7. **Complete all end-of-course evaluations and course paperwork.**

**Course Policies:**

1. Attendance and class participation are part of your grade.
2. If you are unable to attend a specific class, please notify the instructor by phone or e-mail.
3. Assignments are due on the scheduled dates, unless prior discussion with an instructor.

**Course Grade:**

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**Course Evaluation:** This online cancer education course is being offered with funding support from the National Cancer Institute. In order to best learn your experience with online learning, each participant needs to complete a pre-course needs assessment, a self-health assessment, an end-of-course written evaluation, a 2-3 month post-course telephone interview, and a 5-6 month post-course internet survey. Additionally, course participants need to sign an informed consent. In appreciation for participants’ time, a $50 VISA gift card will be given to each person at the end of the telephone interview and the 5-6 month post-course survey.

**Support Services:** The faculty will work with each course participant to help obtain the academic or technical support needed to successfully complete the course.

**Disability Services:** The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and insures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. Your instructors will work with the office of Disabilities Services to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. If you need their assistance contact them directly at 474-7043.
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Course Application

If you are interested in participating in the Cancer Education with Storytelling distance learning course, please answer the following questions and submit before September 5, 2017 to ljrevels@anthc.org.

Course size is limited to 15 participants.

1. Why are you interested in attending the Cancer Education with Storytelling distance learning course?

2. How do you think this course will change the way you do your job?

3. What is your experience with digital storytelling?

4. Do you have computer technology at home to use to participate in this course?
Participant contact information:

Name: __________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Region in Alaska: __________________________________________

What best describes your role in the community (CHA/P, BHA, CHR, community member, etc.):

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