

November 2026

Happy November!

November brings opportunities to raise awareness about important health issues, including **Men's Health Awareness Month**, **Lung Cancer Awareness Month**, and **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**. These observances remind us of the critical role that prevention, early detection, and equitable access to care play in improving health outcomes across North Dakota.

As we look ahead to **Program Year 2**, we are actively recruiting clinics that may benefit from technical assistance to strengthen their colorectal cancer (CRC) screening efforts. If you know of a clinic serving a **rural, low-income, or underserved population**, we would appreciate your help making a connection. We are especially interested in partnering with clinics with a CRC screening rate below **50%** (eligible clinics must have a screening rate below **60%**).

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to increasing cancer screening and reducing the burden of cancer in North Dakota communities.

Dashboard



Congratulations to the following participating hospitals who have completed the requirements for the Program Year 1 checkpoint in the Journey to Excellence Program:

- Quentin N Burdick Memorial Healthcare Facility
- Standing Rock Service Unit
- NCHC – Ray
- NCHC – Rolette
- NCHC – Minot
- NCHC – Turtle Lake

Featured Resource

Did you know that American Greetings and the American Cancer Society have teamed up to provide digital greeting cards to help start important conversations about screening? Whether sent by a clinic or a personal greeting to a friend or loved one, there is a card for everyone!



American Cancer Society "Get Screened" Cards | American Greetings

News

The Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer

The Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer was recently published October 1, 2026, in the journal *Cancer*. The report is a collaborative effort by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the American Cancer Society (ACS), and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR). It looks at trends in cancer incidence from 2003 to 2022 and cancer mortality from 2004 to 2023 in the United States.

Key takeaways related to Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancers:

1. **Breast cancer incidence continues to rise.**
    - Breast cancer remains the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, with an incidence rate of **136.0 cases per 100,000 women**. Incidence increased by **1.1% per year from 2018-2022**, continuing an upward trend that began in 2014.
2. **Breast cancer incidence is increasing across all racial and ethnic groups.**
    - The report found rising breast cancer incidence among American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, and White women. The largest recent increase was observed among Asian/Pacific Islander women (**3.2% annually**).
3. **Breast cancer mortality continues to decline.**
    - Despite rising incidence, breast cancer death rates decreased by **1.5% annually during 2019-2023**, reflecting continued improvements in early detection and treatment.
4. **Cervical cancer incidence is declining overall.**
    - Cervical cancer incidence decreased by **0.6% per year during 2018-2022**. Declines were observed among Asian/Pacific Islander women, Black women, and White women.
5. **Cervical cancer disparities persist.**
    - Cervical cancer incidence remains substantially higher among American Indian/Alaska Native women (**12.6 per 100,000**) and Hispanic women (**10.0 per 100,000**) than among White women (**7.1 per 100,000**).
6. **Cervical cancer mortality is also decreasing.**
    - Cervical cancer death rates declined by **0.7% annually during 2019-2023**, with larger declines among Black women (**2.4% annually**) and Hispanic women (**1.6% annually**).
7. **Colorectal cancer trends differ by age group.**
    - Among adults, colorectal cancer incidence generally declined or stabilized. However, among **adolescents and young adults (ages 15-39)**, colorectal cancer incidence increased by **2.0% annually during 2015-2022**, and colorectal cancer mortality increased by **0.9% annually during 2004-2023**, continuing a concerning trend in younger populations.

Bottom line: The report shows encouraging progress for cervical cancer and colorectal cancer mortality overall, but rising breast cancer incidence and increasing colorectal cancer burden among younger adults remain important public health concerns.

P2P Sharing

The North Dakota Cancer Coalition Invites **YOU** to Become a Member (And the ScreeND Team highly encourages it!)– it's FREE!

Become a Member - North Dakota Cancer Coalition

Upcoming Events

Breast Cancer Screening: What to Know, What to Do:

ND Cancer Coalition & ACS coming together to bring you a Breast Cancer Awareness Webinar!
Speaker: Jill Klemin, MD
Date: September 24, 2026
Recording
Evaluation

Echo Series: Early Onset Colorectal Cancer - Setting the Stage
October 2026–February 2027 | 11am-12noon CT | Free & open to all

- **Dec 8**
- **Jan 12**
- **Feb 2**

➡️ **Register today and join the conversation! Registration information can be found here.**
Questions? Contact Allison Rosen at Allison.Rosen@cancer.org.

NDCCRT Virtual Meeting: Dec 1, 2026, 12:00-1:00 pm

- **Updates from the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable annual meeting**
- **Presentation on Abbott's Colorectal Cancer Blood Test and Multi-Cancer Early Detection**
- **Save the Date: 2027 Annual Meeting April 29th Fargo, ND**
  Microsoft Teams meeting
  Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/267062757952744?p=qXtVxwLgJMZn5riWA1
  Meeting ID: 267 062 757 952 744
  Passcode: iA3Ra7zZ
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