



Bucks County, PA Serving Persons with Cancer

- Cancer is America's #1 health concern.
- Approximately 8.9 million Americans are alive with a history of cancer.
- The lifetime risk of developing cancer is 1 in 2 for men and 1 in 3 for women.
- In the U.S., approximately 1.2 million new cases of cancer are diagnosed each year.
- Persons with cancer and their families often want information and guidance to cope with the many challenges that they face.

Patient Support

Over 785 Bucks County residents with cancer received information and services from the American Cancer Society between 9/1/08 to 8/31/09.

Number of People Receiving Patient Services by Program include:

Patient Program Referrals	287
Financial Assistance	169
Look Good...Feel Better	91
Man to Man	15
Reach to Recovery	45
Childhood Cancer Scholarship Recipients	5
Camps (childhood cancer patients and siblings)	4
Homemaker Grants	20

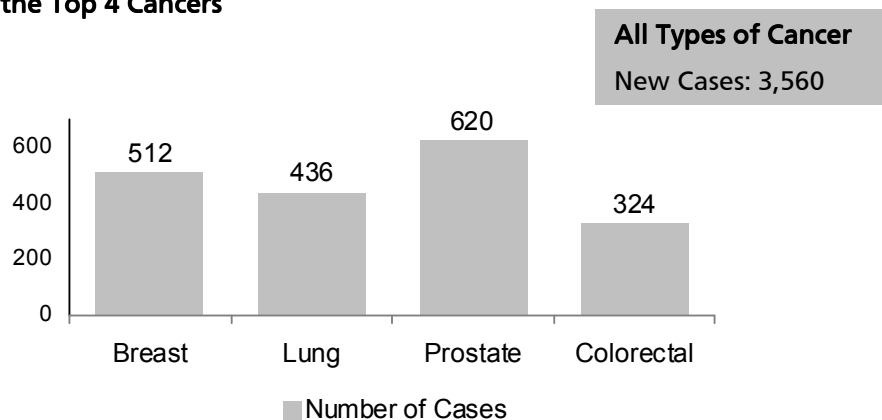
Source:
PA Division, American Cancer Society

ACS Mission

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Cancer Burden in Bucks County

Annual Cancer Cases (2006)
For the Top 4 Cancers



Source: PA Department of Health

Some Local Highlights

- 16 cosmetologists residing in Bucks County are certified to teach Look Good...Feel Better sessions for women undergoing cancer treatment.
- 22 Look Good...Feel Better programs were held at 4 Bucks County hospitals and community sites.
- 2 hospitals in Bucks County host the Man to Man prostate cancer support program.
- 38 Bucks County breast cancer survivors are trained volunteer visitors for the Reach to Recovery program.
- 43 Bucks County residents joined the Cancer Action Network.

Community Volunteers

The American Cancer Society understands the impact that a diagnosis of cancer can make on your life. Volunteers play an invaluable role in helping us provide patient services in the community. Every day volunteers drive patients to treatment, visit with patients and family members, offer support and encouragement, and connect people to resources in their community.

In Bucks County, there are numerous ways volunteers can be involved and assist in these important programs. To learn more about becoming an ACS Patient Services volunteer, please contact us at 1-800-ACS-2345.

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The American Cancer Society

How does the American Cancer Society help improve a cancer survivor's quality of life? Here are a few examples:

Cancer Information

ACS specialists are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-ACS-2345 to provide comprehensive information about cancer, treatment, ACS programs and services, and local community resources. The ACS website at www.cancer.org is an unparalleled resource.

I Can Cope

An educational program designed to help cancer patients and their loved ones deal with their cancer experience, held in hospitals and community settings.

Look Good... Feel Better

Workshops in which trained volunteer cosmetologists teach women who are undergoing cancer treatment how to deal with side effects such as skin changes and hair loss.

Man to Man

A self-help education and networking group for men with prostate cancer that offers information, discussion and support.

Road to Recovery

A transportation program in which volunteers provide rides in their own cars for cancer-related treatments and medical appointments.

Reach to Recovery

A volunteer program that matches trained breast cancer survivors with anyone who has a concern about breast cancer. Volunteers provide practical information, supplies and support.

Cancer Survivors Network

A virtual community created by and for cancer survivors to connect with one another, share experiences and provide support. It is available on the telephone or on the computer. You can find it by calling 1-877-333-HOPE or at www.cancer.org.

Camp Can Do

A one week overnight camp for patients under age 18. There is also a camp for their siblings.

You Can Help

Here are some ways you can get involved as an ACS volunteer:

- Provide support and hope to newly diagnosed cancer patients and their families.
- Become a volunteer for one of the many American Cancer Society Patient Services programs.
- Contact legislators regarding cancer related legislation.
- Raise funds to support cancer research, services, and programs.
- Help identify community needs, assets, and solutions as a community assessment team member.
- Distribute information about the American Cancer Society's 800 number, services, and programs.

Contact us today!

For cancer information
or to find out how you
can make a difference,
call 1-800-ACS-2345
or visit www.cancer.org

Research and Advocacy

Research - The Behavioral Research Department of the National American Cancer Society conducts research on the quality of life of persons with cancer. For example, one study follows what persons with cancer report as physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs and functioning over a ten-year period.

Advocacy - Cancer is a political issue as well as a medical issue. The ACS is proud to be the leading advocate working to influence public policy to improve funding for cancer research and improve access to early detection and prevention programs at the local, state, and federal levels. To get involved, join the Cancer Action Network by calling 1-800-ACS-2345.

