

# Introducing Cancer Center Director Perspectives on Prevention

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Cancer prevention is now recognized as a key component of cancer control efforts, and most cancer centers, while historically focused on cancer treatment, are now active in this area. However, leading cancer centers may differ in their approaches to cancer prevention activities according to variations in local needs, opportunities, resources available, and areas of staff expertise. Some cancer centers contribute to the development of policies for cancer prevention that can be applied at regional or national levels, while others focus on programs to address local challenges.

To highlight these issues, *Cancer Prevention Research* has reached out to directors from across the United States to share their insights on cancer prevention, particularly in relation to the burden of cancer in their catchment areas. As cancer center directors are leaders in shaping the cancer prevention research landscape and in the delivery of programs to minimize the incidence of preventable cancers, we believe there will be interest in their experiences, achievements, setbacks, and thoughts on the future of cancer prevention and interception.

The inaugural perspective in this issue (1) from Loughran and colleagues focuses on cancer prevention efforts and principles at the University of Virginia Comprehensive Cancer Center. The piece concisely discusses priorities and character-

istics of the cancer center, including demographics, socio-economics, cancer burden, and unique challenges and strategies within the catchment area. The perspective goes on to cover research aims, advances, dissemination, and impact. We believe this informative piece serves as a perfect introduction to the series and will be of interest to the cancer prevention community.

Future perspectives in this series are expected from cancer centers across the United States, but we hope to eventually expand the series to include descriptions of cancer prevention efforts at cancer centers around the world, so that prevention activities in different international contexts can be compared and contrasted. If you have an interest in highlighting your own center's perspective on cancer prevention, please feel free to reach out to our editorial office for submission instructions.

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