

Dear Oncologist:

The Iowa Consortium for Comprehensive Cancer Control (ICCCC) is seeking your input on a new initiative to strengthen cancer clinical trial activities across the state of Iowa. We'd like to introduce you to our volunteer organization, invite you to become a member (there is no cost to membership) and request that you or someone from your organization complete this web-based survey [Iowa Clinical Trials Survey](#) by **January 30, 2009**.

The ICCC was formed in 2001 to coordinate the efforts of the broad range of individuals and organizations involved in Iowa in the fight against cancer. The Consortium consists of more than 160 individuals representing 50 agencies and organizations across the state. We generally meet twice each year. As its first step, the *Consortium* created a comprehensive, statewide cancer plan to address critical cancer problems in Iowa. Priorities were set for preventing, detecting and treating cancer, caring for cancer survivors, and encouraging clinical research. The ICCC home page that includes Iowa's current cancer control plan is now available online at www.canceriowa.org. The Consortium recently became a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization so we can address the cancer control issues outlined in our plan more effectively.

Clinical Trials is emerging as a new workgroup of the *Consortium* and was selected by our membership as being of high priority at our last meeting. We hope to include oncologists and others involved in clinical cancer research from across the state for broad representation of geography, discipline and perspective. One of the first initiatives for the proposed clinical trials network will be developing materials related to clinical cancer research that will be Iowa-specific, low-literacy and address the questions and concerns unique to the state's population and resources. The initial survey above requests that you identify someone from your organization that would be interested in working with the *Consortium* on the development of this publication. The materials developed will be free-of-charge to patients and providers in Iowa. We also will be gathering information on ongoing clinical cancer trials in Iowa with the goal of developing a searchable database that includes information on what trials are available across Iowa.

We hope you are interested in learning more about this particular workgroup and the *Consortium* in general. If you have any questions about the Consortium or its current projects please contact Tina Devery, Executive Director, ICCC at 319-335-8816 or tina-devery@uiowa.edu.

Sincerely,

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