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Harnessing the Power of Collaboration Focusing on Value: National Organizations Work(ing) (Better) Together

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National Comprehensive
Cancer Network®

What is National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)?

NCCN is an alliance of 33 leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, and education.

Our Mission

To define and advance quality, effective, equitable, and accessible cancer care and prevention so all people can live better lives

Our Vision

Access to high-quality, high-value, patient-centered cancer care for all people globally

The NCCN Guidelines are the most thorough and most frequently updated clinical practice guidelines available in any area of cancer.

Algorithmic structure that covers the continuum of care.

A recognized standard for cancer care and clinical policy in the United States:

- Widely available free of charge for non-commercial use
- Basis for insurance coverage policy and quality evaluation
- Nearly 36,000 references to the evidence across the library of guidelines



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NCCN Guidelines®

In 2025, 88 NCCN Guidelines® feature 228 algorithms that apply to 97% of cancer cases in the United States (*and globally*).

66 Cancer-Specific Types

12 Supportive Care

7 Detection/Prevention/Risk Reduction

3 Specific Populations



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NCCN Guidelines® Program



- **63 NCCN Guidelines Panels** are comprised of multidisciplinary, disease- and issue-specific subspecialists who are clinicians, researchers, and advocates.
- **More than 1,950 Panel Members** participate in developing and updating NCCN Guidelines.
- It is estimated that **Panel Members contributed more than 49,000 hours in 2024.**
- **40 NCCN Guidelines Team Members** support the Guidelines development and publication process.

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Collaborations – Current & Future Opportunities

• Present

- AJCC Licensing – Staging tables reproduced in most solid cancers and used as a basis for decision making and care selection
- College of American Pathologists protocols for pathology evaluation & reporting
- Permission to reference or link to: ACR, ABS, ACSM...
- Policy and Advocacy collaboration with ACS-CAN, ASCO, ASH, etc.
- Advancing global cancer care (SSA) with American Cancer Society

• Future

- This is a great forum to share ideas and best practices – process should be continued
 - ‘Umbrella steering group’ to issue calls to action
- Clearly need better communication and knowledge sharing between
 - Creative or seamless cross referencing vs. integration into singular guideline/pathway
- NCCN has a submissions process where anyone or any entity can submit recommendations for consideration by a specific Guideline Panel – all submissions are discussed and voted upon (<https://www.nccn.org/guidelines/submissions-request-to-the-guidelines-panels>)
- Not just guidelines, but enhanced collective advocacy in support of critical elements of cancer care and delivery (*access, quality, policy, coverage determination*)

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