

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network® ([NCCN®](#)) is a not-for-profit [alliance of 33 leading cancer centers](#) devoted to patient care, research, and education. NCCN is dedicated to improving and facilitating quality, effective, equitable, and accessible cancer care so all patients can live better lives.

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NCCN's headquarters are located in Plymouth Meeting, PA, outside Philadelphia.

What NCCN Does

NCCN defines and advances high-quality, high-value, patient-centered cancer care globally, through the creation and dissemination of cancer treatment guidelines and other content.

- NCCN publishes the [NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology \(NCCN Guidelines®\)](#), evidence-based recommendations for the treatment of nearly every type of cancer, as well as key cancer screening and prevention topics. These are available online free of charge for non-commercial use.
- The 88 NCCN Guidelines® are developed by 63 panels, each comprised of clinician and researcher volunteers — resulting in **input from more than 1,900 multidisciplinary members** of the nation's top 33 cancer centers. Many panels **include patient advocates** and other relevant professionals.
- Although the [NCCN Guidelines](#) are based on the best available evidence, new data are always being published. For this reason, the NCCN Guidelines are **updated continuously** and developed through a **completely transparent process** that informs patients, clinicians, and payers of the evidence supporting treatment recommendations. This transparency allows decision-makers — physicians and patients — to understand the evidence upon which they make their treatment choices. In addition, each NCCN Guidelines undergoes annual institutional review which is circulated for comment among the multidisciplinary faculty at each NCCN Member Institution.
- Of all U.S. physicians surveyed by NCCN, **95 percent report they use the NCCN Guidelines in their practices**. In addition, payers, including but not limited to the two largest U.S. payers — UnitedHealthcare and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) — rely on the NCCN Guidelines to determine their oncology coverage policies.
- In 2023, the NCCN Guidelines were downloaded more than **15.1 million times**.
- **Approximately 49 percent of registered users of the NCCN Guidelines are international professionals**, with the most users in China, India, Turkey, Philippines, Brazil, Mexico, Thailand, and Egypt.
- NCCN Drugs & Biologics Compendium ([NCCN Compendium®](#)) contains authoritative, scientifically derived information designed to support decision-making about the appropriate use of drugs and biologics in patients with cancer. The NCCN Compendium® is recognized by public and private insurers alike, including CMS and UnitedHealthcare as an authoritative reference for oncology coverage policy.
- [NCCN Biomarkers Compendium®](#) contains information designed to support decision-making around the use of biomarker testing in patients with cancer.

- NCCN Chemotherapy Order Templates ([NCCN Templates](#)[®]) include chemotherapy, immunotherapy, supportive care agents, monitoring parameters, and safety instructions based directly on recommendations within the NCCN Guidelines. Special instructions for self-administered chemotherapeutic agents are also provided.
- NCCN Imaging Appropriate Use Criteria ([NCCN Imaging AUC](#)[™]) include recommendations pertaining to cancer screening, diagnosis, staging, treatment response assessment, follow-up, and surveillance to support clinical decision-making for patients with cancer.
- There are more than [20 international adaptations](#) of the NCCN Guidelines and **more than [271 translations](#)** of the NCCN Guidelines and clinical resources across **51 languages**.

NCCN provides patients with the information they need to make the best treatment decisions possible.

- There are more than 70 [NCCN Guidelines for Patients](#)[®], **versions of the NCCN Guidelines** that provide people with cancer and their loved ones with easy-to-understand information about treatment recommendations, and how to discuss them with their care team. There are more than 65 language translations available.
- In 2023, there were more than **1.4 million downloads** of the NCCN Guidelines for Patients.
- NCCN Guidelines with [NCCN Evidence Blocks](#)[™] provide a visual representation of five key value measures for treatment options in the NCCN Guidelines — efficacy, safety, quality and quantity of evidence, consistency of evidence, and affordability — in order to **put patient values first in the shared decision-making process**.
- NCCN Guidelines with [Categories of Preference](#) for drugs and biologics distinguish between preferred interventions, recommended interventions, and those useful in certain circumstances.

NCCN secures funding for research that improves cancer care.

- [NCCN's Oncology Research Program](#) (ORP) has awarded \$74.6 million to NCCN Member Institutions in research grants from major pharmaceutical companies and managed by ORP to **support investigator-initiated trials and Quality Initiatives** at Member Institutions and their affiliates. NCCN's ORP has facilitated the awarding of an additional \$10.3 million to Member Institutions in research grants from major pharmaceutical companies that are externally managed by the grantor.
- Through donations and support, the [NCCN Foundation](#)[®] has **funded research from 75 young investigators** from across NCCN Member Institutions.

NCCN's educational programming and publications influence health policy and inform members of the oncology community.

- NCCN edits [JNCCN – Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network](#). This peer-reviewed, indexed medical journal provides the latest information about best clinical practices, health services research, and translational medicine.
- Each year, NCCN hosts [three policy summits](#) and one State Oncology Society Forum to encourage discussion among oncology stakeholders and address current health policy issues.
- In 2023, NCCN hosted more than 160 accredited [live conferences and congresses, interactive webinars, recorded webcasts, and online programs](#) attended by more than **72,700 learners**.