



WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATOR WORKSHOP: CREATING AN ACTION PLAN FOR CANCER CARE

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Group Objectives

- Develop strategies to enhance/improve cancer care and patient navigation.
- Develop an action plan for collaboration between women state legislators and cancer care stakeholders in individual states to enhance cancer care services.
- Develop strategies to address cancer care reimbursement, access, and to overcome challenges for patients and physicians through public policy.

Questions For Group Discussion

- What programs exist in each state for cancer patients?
- Who are the stakeholders in each state who should be involved in a discussion about enhanced cancer care?
- How can participants return to their states and engage stakeholders?
- Who are the most vulnerable populations, regarding education and access?
- What are the barriers to access that patients face?
- How can access be improved?
- Who will need to be involved in improving access to cancer care?
- What are the largest challenges faced by cancer patients? How can these be addressed through public policy initiatives?
- Are there different barriers in different states? With different populations?
- What resources are necessary to fulfill proposed actions? Where can these resources be obtained?
- How can policymakers prepare for the future of cancer care?
- What outreach is needed to constituents to assist in navigating cancer care?
 - Newsletters
 - Websites
 - Health Fairs
 - Social Media