

Dear Cancer Liaison Physicians:

We hope you had an opportunity to attend the Commission on Cancer (CoC) CLP meeting on February 19, 2025. Topics of discussion included updates on CoC standards, Quality Improvement initiatives, American Cancer Society resources, and the Assessing the Effectiveness and Significance of the Operative Standards Program (AESOP) study. If you weren't able to attend, we urge you to view the recording and slides, which have been posted in the CLP Meetings section on the [CoC website](#).

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings:

- [ACS Quality and Safety Conference](#)
 - July 17-20, 2025, in San Diego, CA
- [CLP Meeting: September 10](#)
- [ACS Clinical Congress 2025: October 4-7, 2025, in Chicago, IL](#)
 - CoC meetings: Saturday, October 4

2025 CLP Award Nominations Are Open

The CoC is accepting nominations for the annual [CLP Outstanding Performance Award](#) program. To submit a nomination, please complete this [survey](#) by **May 6**. The CoC State Chair CLP Education Advisory Group will review the nominations and choose the winners, which will be announced this summer. CLPs can be nominated by members of an accredited program's cancer committee, registrars, CoC site reviewers and State Chairs, American Cancer Society regional staff members, and by self-nomination. Cancer care teams from the same institution are encouraged to submit one nomination per CLP if there are multiple nominations. Previous CLP Award winners are not eligible for consideration. For more information on eligibility criteria and the nomination process, visit the [CoC website](#).

CoC Research Paper Competition

Please help us promote the 2025 CoC Research Paper Competition! Submissions in either the Clinical Research or Basic Science categories will be accepted through July 7, 2025. More information about the competition is available on the CoC [website](#).

Is Your Hospital Promoting Your ACS Surgical Quality Partner Status?

The American College of Surgeons has a large selection of free digital marketing resources to promote your programs' status as an accredited CoC, National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, and/, and/or National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer hospital. As an accredited site, your institution is considered an ACS Surgical Quality Partner (SQP). If your hospital has not yet claimed your diamond or accessed the digital resources in the [SQP store](#), email sqp@facs.org and the ACS team will help you get started.

ACS has created three short videos to make it easier than ever to know how to access and use digital marketing materials. View each of these videos here:

- [Video: How to Use the SQP Marketing Toolkit](#)
- [Video: How to Use the SQP Email Signature](#)
- [Video: How to Create SQP Social Media Posts](#)

If you have any questions about the Surgical Quality Partner program, contact sqp@facs.org.

CoC Standard 7.1: Quality Measures Update

Starting with CoC Site Visits in 2026, Standard 7.1: Quality Measures will be reinstated as an accreditation requirement. During 2025, programs must review their performance on the selected

quality metrics, identify any deficiencies, and document their review and any appropriate actions in the cancer committee minutes. [Read more.](#)

Operative Standards Medical Record Review Tips

Much of the work related to the CoC's site visit medical record review is the case selection process. [Read more](#) about how you and your team can facilitate an efficient site visit process.

Updates to FAQ for CoC Standard 4.8

The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Standard 4.8: Survivorship Program has been revised to reflect the clarifications and updates provided during 2024: [CoC Standards Updates and "Double Dipping" CoC Standards Compliance](#). The FAQ is found in the Standards Resource Library, which can be accessed through the Quality Portal Resources page.

American Cancer Society Releases Cancer Facts & Figures 2025

The American Cancer Society has released [Cancer Facts & Figures 2025](#), the educational companion for [Cancer Statistics 2025](#), a scientific paper published in *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*. The new findings show the cancer mortality rate declined by 34% from 1991 to 2022 in the US, averting approximately 4.5 million deaths. However, this steady progress is jeopardized by increasing incidence for many cancer types, especially among women and younger adults, shifting the burden of disease.

Thank you for all you do as your cancer program's CLP to improve the quality of care for cancer patients. Please contact your CoC State Chair with any questions about the CoC or your program's accreditation.