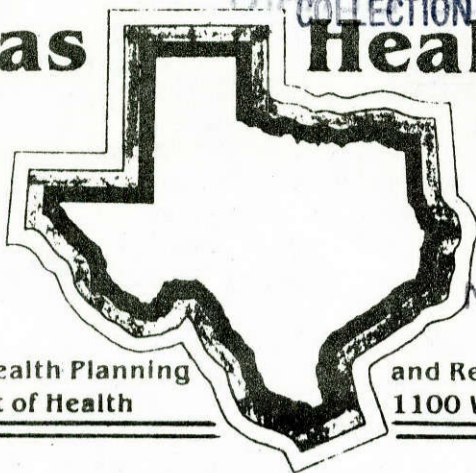


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CANCER SEMINAR WILL FOCUS ON CRITICAL ISSUES

"According to recent incidence rates, one in four Americans now living will ultimately die of some type of cancer, and over the years cancer will strike in approximately two of every three families. Moreover, during the 1970s, there were an estimated 3.5 million cancer deaths, 6.5 million new cancer cases and over 10 million people treated for cancer. In 1980, approximately 420,000 Americans died of cancer."

These statements are taken from the Status Narrative of the cancer section of the current Texas State Health Plan (SHP). The document continues, "Texas' own cancer data constitute no exception to these bleak national statistics. While the state's population grew approximately 27 percent from 1970 to 1980, cancer deaths increased 34 percent. Projections based upon recently available data indicate that deaths from cancers in Texas will increase 27 percent over the 1980 number by 1986. A particularly sobering fact pertains to the mortality rates for lung cancers in Texas: in 1980, lung cancers accounted for 27 percent of all cancer deaths and 35 percent of all male cancer deaths."

That section of the SHP concludes with this: "Obviously, such high mortality rates reflect the high incidence of new cancer cases and recurrence of cancer cases (7 percent) in the state. Based on data supplied by epidemiologists, there were 41,000 new cases of cancer in 1980. By 1990, the projected number of new cases of cancer in Texas is estimated to be 96,000."

With this information as a predicate, the Texas Health Planning News is pleased to announce a Seminar on Cancer Prevention and Control, to be held on January 26-27, 1984 in San Antonio. The conference is expected to attract some 200 cancer authorities from the public health, industrial, private, federal and educational communities, and will be headquartered in the Marriott hotel on the Riverwalk in the Alamo City.

Heading a list of world-renown epidemiologists and some 30 others responsible for scientific and preventive programs will be Sir Richard Doll, M.D., of Oxford University, one of England's foremost physicians; and John Higginson, M.D., senior scientist with Universities Associated for Research and Education in Pathology, Bethesda, Maryland.

The seminar will feature such topics as Analysis of Cancer Patterns in Texas, Brain Cancer in Texas, Leukemia in Texas, Individual Risk Assessment, Impact of Cancer in Industry and Cancer Prevention.

Dr. Robert Bernstein, Commissioner of Health, will welcome the participants and present the mission statement for the seminar. He will be followed by Dr. Higginson who will deliver the seminar overview: "Impact of Cancer in Modern Industrial States (with Specific References to the United States.)" Dr. Doll will deliver the day's summation with "Recommendations for Future Research." Following the sessions on the morning of the last day, Peter Greenwald, M.D., National Cancer Institute, will deliver the luncheon address: "New Directions in Cancer Control." The seminar will adjourn following Dr. Greenwald's presentation.

The seminar, which took more than a year to bring to fruition, is being sponsored by the Interagency Center for Cancer Prevention and Control, which consists of the Texas Department of Health and the University of Texas System Cancer Center; the American Cancer Society, Texas Division, Inc.; the University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston; the Texas Health Foundation and the Texas Chemical Council Member Companies. Registration fee is \$150, although a \$50 fee is available to state employees, educational institutions and non-profit organizations.

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HEALTH INFORMATION SURVEY STILL AVAILABLE

Copies of the Texas Health Information Survey, a two-volume inventory of useful sources of health-related information, are still available through the Bureau of State Health Planning and Resource Development at no charge for the first copy, and \$2.50 for each additional copy. An in-depth description of the survey was published in the August, 1983 issue of the Texas Health Planning News.

HEALTH FACILITIES DATA
AVAILABLE THROUGH BUREAU

The 1982 Integrated Facilities File is now available in EBCDIC tape and print-out form through the Bureau of State Health Planning and Resource Development. Completed on September 20, the file contains information on hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics (both rehabilitation and other), and health-related residential facilities. The majority of the data maintained for these facilities results from annual questionnaires sent to the facilities by the Bureau. The response rate for these questionnaires exceeds 90 percent.

Information obtained from facilities after the September 30 completion date and not entered on the file, is available in list form. This and other data, and other related information, may be obtained by calling the Bureau of State Health Planning and Resource Development at (512) 458-7347.

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