



INTRODUCING THE CANCER CONNECT COLLABORATIVE

Spearheaded by First Lady Casey DeSantis, this initiative will break down long-standing silos between researchers, cancer facilities and medical providers to improve cancer research and treatment.

Florida is home to more than 200,000 cancer patients treated at over 300 world-class health care facilities statewide.

It currently averages 10 to 12 years from discovery for a cancer treatment or surgery patent that advances cancer care to be shared and adopted into practice.



The Florida Cancer Connect Collaborative's five main objectives:

Data

Data about the proliferation and treatment of cancer should be both timely available and easily accessible. The Collaborative will seek to identify the reasons data is slow to move or hard to access and dismantle those barriers.

Best Practices

When it comes to treating cancer, best practices shouldn't be proprietary. The Collaborative will seek to streamline, encourage, and incentivize the sharing of treatment best practices among public and private entities so that everyone is treated with the most effective treatment possible.

Innovation

Cutting the red tape and fully unleash the power of innovation in the battle against cancer. Technology improves at an exponential rate yet application lags. The Collaborative will identify the reasons that technology gets held up – whether it be special interests, over-litigiousness, or bureaucratic red tape – and recommend ways to eliminate these barriers.

Funding

The Cancer Connect Collaborative will provide recommendations for the implementation of the Governor's proposed \$170 million in funding to improve the pace of cancer research and novel technologies. For record breaking funding, the Florida taxpayer deserves results. The Collaborative will deliver.

Honesty

We know a lot about cancer – what causes it, and in many cases, what preventative steps can minimize the risk of a diagnosis. It's time to open the tap on cancer information, and the Collaborative will be tasked with identifying the ways to ensure this is done.