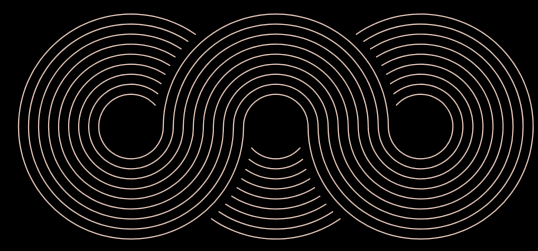


LUNG CANCER & POLICY



A key component of our lung cancer programs is providing education on biomarker testing. Biomarker testing is a viable treatment option across multiple diseases and has proven to improve survival in patients over the years.

We're thankful for our ongoing partnership with ACSCAN (American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network) as they spearhead the movement to have biomarker testing covered by all insurance agencies in every state.

HEAL proudly stood by as legislation passed in Georgia and Kentucky and cheered on Texas when they made it official with SB 989.

Several states have already passed legislation while others are making efforts toward the finish line.

Learn more about ACSCAN's biomarker campaign.



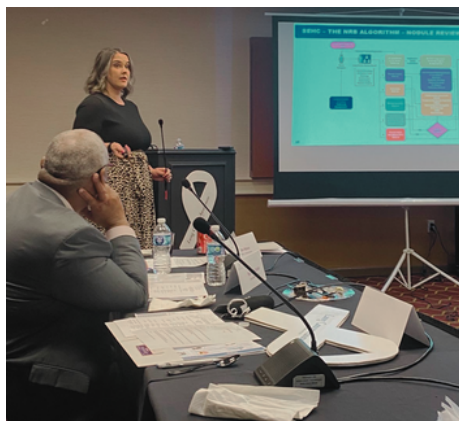
HEAL at Kentucky's State Capitol to support HB 180



HEAL joins other supporters as Governor Kemp signed the biomarker testing bill, HB 85, at Georgia's State Capitol.

Pastor's and Policymaker's Lung Cancer Roundtable

We kicked off 2023 by hosting a series of Lung Cancer Roundtables in Georgia, Kentucky and Texas. The roundtables brought together pastors, policymakers, patients and community advocates to have an in depth discussion on risks, screening, biomarker testing and what could be done on the community level to improve health outcomes.



18TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS RECOGNIZES HEAL FOR ITS WORK IN LUNG CANCER



We are honored to have been recognized by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (not pictured) on May 6, 2023. Community support is what helps us go strong.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that on behalf of the constituents of the 18th Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in recognizing HEAL Collaborative on the occasion of the Lung Cancer Education Workshop Series - Part II. Your commitment to supporting the fight against lung cancer and supporting women, men, and children with lung reflects the pride that exemplifies the Spirit of the Great State of Texas and the United States of America. Indeed, your efforts are most deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the United States Congress."



The Kidney PATIENT Act Campaign

HEAL Collaborative is a proud supporter of the Kidney PATIENT Act H.R. 5074

People with kidney failure are prone to high levels of phosphate in their blood. Phosphate binders are medications that help prevent the absorption of dietary phosphate. When phosphate levels in the body are not properly controlled and they remain high, it is a condition known as hyperphosphatemia.

Hyperphosphatemia can lead to serious health complications if not treated. The frequency and number of phosphate binders taken by individuals during each meal can vary based on their specific medical condition and treatment plan. These medications help to control and reduce the absorption of phosphate from the diet. Phosphorus content is not required on FDA food labels.

Effective January 1, 2025, CMS plans to change coverage for oral-only phosphate lowering therapies (PLTs) drugs for patients with kidney failure. This could jeopardize patients' access to vital medications and raise dialysis treatment costs. Introduced by Reps. Earl L. "Buddy" Carter, Ann McLane Kuster, Carol Miller, and Terri Sewell, the bipartisan Kidney PATIENT Act (H.R. 5074) aims to postpone this change until 2033 or until new intravenous therapies become available. State and National stakeholders from the kidney community and beyond have called on Washington to act quickly and exclude oral-only phosphate lowering therapies (PLTs) from the End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System or ESRD Bundle.

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H.R. 5074



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We joined the National Black Caucus of State Legislators in Nashville to present on the impact H.R. 5074 will have on kidney disease patients. We are grateful for the national support of legislators as they are eager to learn how to help their communities with critical health matters..

