

Talking Points @DetecTogether

About

DetecTogether is a 501(c)3 founded to address an unmet need in the cancer world. While it is undisputed that early cancer detection leads to the best health outcomes, no one was teaching people how to identify early warning signs of cancer. Now in our second decade, the mission of DetecTogether is to save lives by teaching people how to detect cancer early and be active partners in their healthcare. Detecting cancer early is the best way to save and improve lives for the 40% of us who will receive a cancer diagnosis in our lifetime.

3 Steps Detect

With the 3 Steps Detect education program, we make it easy to recognize potential warning signs of cancer and empower people to have the right conversations with their doctor, at the right time, to ensure the best outcome.



You can be 10 x more likely to survive cancer when it's caught at Stage 1 vs. Stage 4.

Why Focus On Early Detection?

Experts predict that in less than 10 years, cancer will surpass heart disease as the #1 cause of death in the U.S. There are many different reasons for cancer deaths, but one of the most important factors is the stage of cancer when it is first diagnosed. Caught early, most cancers are treatable. Being prepared and having a strategy to recognize symptoms as early as possible is lifesaving.

Who does DetecTogether teach?

ALL people need this life-saving information. DetecTogether delivers its training to high schools, colleges, community groups, and workplaces throughout New England and beyond.



PETER DECKERS, MD

Experts agree with our approach

"What DetecTogether teaches so well is how to recognize minor but persistent symptoms that could be cancer, and how to talk about health changes with a physician," says Dr. Peter Deckers, surgical oncologist, professor, and dean emeritus of UConn School of Medicine. "Most people know that they should take advantage of recommended cancer screenings, but fewer know how to watch for and act upon seemingly trivial symptoms that should be shared with their doctor. Patients tend to minimize these important symptoms, and doctors often don't listen as well as we could. DetecTogether makes tremendous contributions by teaching 3 Steps Detect."

Dr. Deckers is a member of the DetecTogether Board of Directors.

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