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Young Adult Cancer Conference Planned for Casper

The Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Consortium (WCCCC) and "Stupid Cancer," a national young adult cancer survivor organization, have set Wyoming's inaugural "What's Next: Young Adult Survivorship Conference" for March 29 in Casper.

The conference, which will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, is designed for young adult cancer survivors, caregivers and others interested in learning more about the unique challenges of the young adult cancer population.

Seven times more common than all pediatric cancers combined, young adult cancer (age 15-39) involves 72,000 new diagnoses each year across the country. "That's one every eight minutes," said Jessica Perez, outreach coordinator with the Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at the Wyoming Department of Health.

Perez said young adult cancer patients often face limited resources, inadequate support, and a lack of awareness and understanding. "We hope this conference brings our Wyoming young adult cancer survivor population together so they know they are not alone in the battle and learn about helpful resources," she said.

A handful of travel scholarships are available to help survivors attend. Registration is free and includes a pre-conference reception on March 28 a 6 p.m. For details (including the agenda) and to register, visit http://stupidcancer.org/wyoming online. For more information about the conference, please contact Perez at 307-777-7362.

Perez noted one lucky cancer survivor will win a trip for two to attend the National Stupid Cancer OMG! Cancer Summit in Las Vegas at the conclusion of the Casper conference.

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