

## Our Mission



Advocating for an environment of inclusion, equity, and involvement of the LGBTQIA+ community in ACS CAN's initiatives and campaigns. Together, we are working to ensure everyone has a fair and just opportunity to prevent, find, treat, and survive cancer.

## Disparities in the Community

- LGBTQIA+ people are more likely to be underinsured or uninsured, be unhoused, and to experience poverty and food insecurity. These inequities can make access to healthcare an even greater challenge.
- LGBTQIA+ people face a disproportionate burden of cancer, with both a high incidence of cancer and later-stage diagnoses.
- Gay and bisexual men have a higher risk for anal cancer. This risk is even greater for Black gay and bisexual men.
- Lesbian and bisexual women have an increased risk for breast, cervical and ovarian cancers compared to heterosexual women.

## LGBTQIA+ & Allies Engagement Group in Action

The LGBTQIA+ & Allies Engagement Group is involved in meaningful advocacy and policy work federally and locally. Engagement Group members give voice to the unequal and unjust burden of cancer and lift up LGBTQIA+ communities in the following ways:

- Shaping ACS CAN's participation in Pride and similar events throughout the country.
- Sharing their unique stories in the media, at listening sessions, and through social media.
- Facilitating trainings and workshops on strategies for inclusive outreach efforts.
- Providing strategic direction for ACS CAN's year-round engagement efforts that center the voices and lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ communities.
- Recommending public policies that reduce health disparities in LGBTQIA+ communities.

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