

From Practice to Policy: Turning Cancer Care Challenges Into Change

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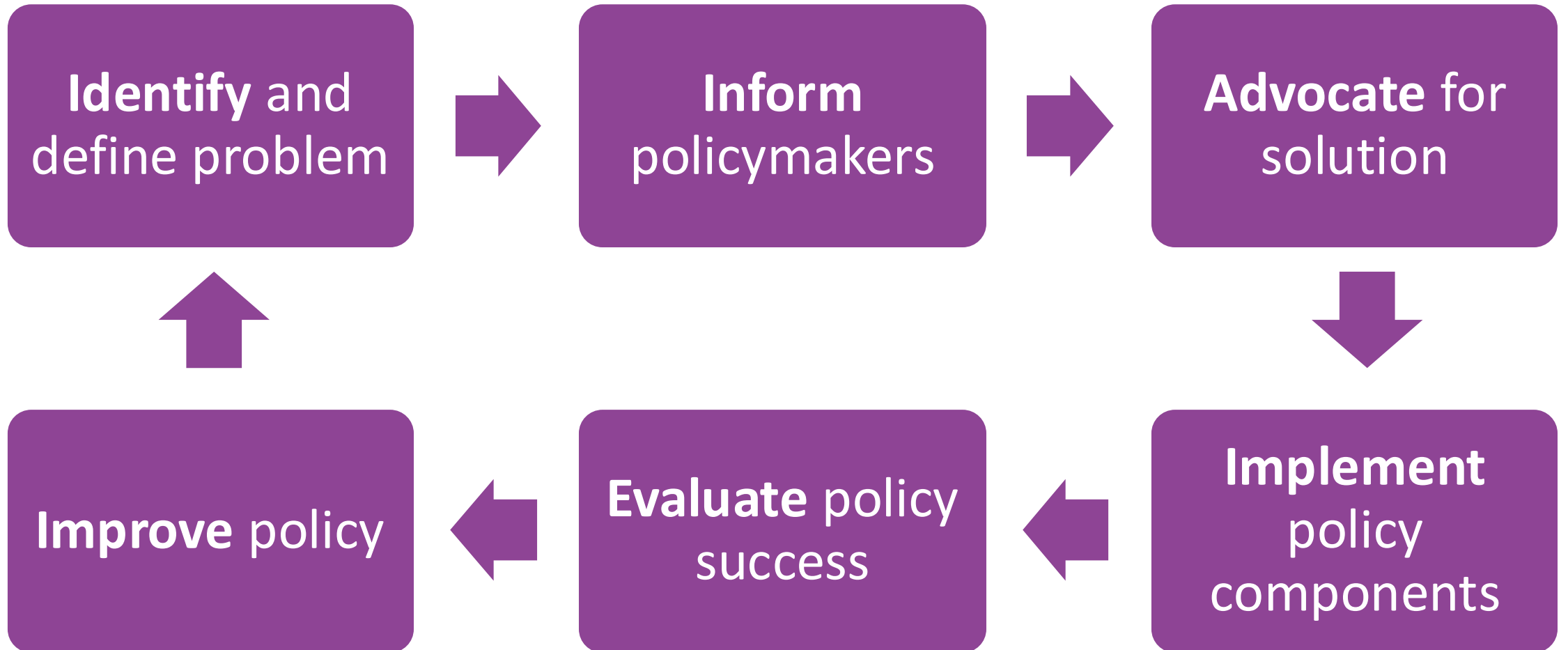
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The Role of Health Policy

Cancer outcomes are influenced by more than a clinician's expertise, recommendations, and care

- ✓ State and federal laws
- ✓ State and board regulations
- ✓ Insurance carriers and coverages
- ✓ Health systems
- ✓ Social determinants of health and barriers to care

The Policy Continuum



Identify a Problem, Define It

Clinicians are often the first to see barriers

- ✓ Screening access
- ✓ Insurance denials and gaps in coverage
- ✓ Workforce shortages
- ✓ Treatment delays



Inform and Educate

You can turn your clinical experience into evidence to educate policymakers.

- ✓ Help identify and shape policy solutions
- ✓ Share clinical expertise with policymakers, professional associations



Advocate: Helping to Shape a Solution

Support from state and national organizations.

- ✓ Nevada Cancer Coalition
- ✓ Nevada Oncology Society
- ✓ Association of Community Cancer Centers
- ✓ American Society of Clinical Oncology
- ✓ American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network



Physician Perspective: What Advocacy Actually Looks Like

Issues across the cancer continuum

- ✓ Improving Seniors Timely Access to Care Act
- ✓ Medicare MCED Coverage Act
- ✓ Safe Step Act – step therapy reform
- ✓ Diverse Trials Act
- ✓ Federal medical research funding
- ✓ Telemedicine
- ✓ Ending drug shortages
- ✓ Improving palliative care
- ✓ Access to affordable healthcare coverage
- ✓ Tobacco control



The Governor Signed It. Now What?

Who needs to know about it?

- ✓ Providers
- ✓ Public
- ✓ Insurance carriers
- ✓ Media

Inform & educate!



Closing the Loop: Evaluate and Improve

Policy isn't a straight line.
It's a feedback loop.

- ✓ Are there unintended consequences to the policy?
- ✓ Gaps or barriers that need to be addressed?
- ✓ Additional provisions added?



Nevada's Cancer Priorities

Insurance Coverage:

- ✓ Breast cancer screening & diagnosis
- ✓ Colorectal cancer screening
- ✓ Biomarker testing

2027 Potential Bills:

- ✓ Cigarette and other tobacco product tax
- ✓ Say Yes to Recess
- ✓ Omnibus – women's health, maternal health, fetal health



Where Do You Fit?

- ✓ Alert NCC to problems you see
- ✓ Provide subject-matter expertise
- ✓ Share data
- ✓ Meet with lawmakers
- ✓ Provide testimony
- ✓ Educate colleagues and patients when laws change



You don't have to be an expert in policy making, you are the expert in cancer control and policy makers **NEED YOU!**

