Note:
All ABC meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) Center for Rehabilitation and Continuing Care Services (CRCCS), Community Room, located at 1650 Champlin Avenue, Utica.

Calendar:
Saturday, April 13, 2019, 11 a.m.
Melanie Francis, senior community development manager, has been with the American Cancer Society for three years. She currently manages four Relay For Life events in Utica, Madison County, Herkimer County and Camden. Additionally, she partnered with Saranac to develop a three part summer series called Burgers & Brews, with funds raised benefiting the American Cancer Society. She will join us to discuss Relay for Life and how we can get involved in the fight against cancer.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world’s largest peer-to-peer fundraising event to save lives from cancer. At Relay For Life events, participants celebrate people who have been touched by cancer, remember loved ones lost and take action for lifesaving change. Together, we can beat our biggest rival.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is the only organization fighting cancer on every front. Funds raised from Relay For Life events allow ACS to fight cancer in multiple ways, each of them critical to achieving a world without cancer. From developing breakthrough therapies and innovative research, to building supportive communities that come together to help those affected by cancer with access to treatment.
Calendar:
Saturday, May 11, 2019, 11 a.m.
Alexandra Battista, licensed master social worker (LMSW), is an oncology social worker at the MVHS Cancer Center Program in Utica, New York. In her role as oncology social worker, Alexandra supports patients and families at all points throughout the disease continuum through advocacy, supportive counseling, relaxation training and referrals to available health system and community resources.
Alexandra facilitates a monthly support group for patients and their families. Alexandra graduated Summa Cum Laude from Boston University with a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology in 2008 and received a Master of Social Work from Boston College in 2010. She is a member of the Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) and is currently pursuing Oncology Social Worker Certification (OSW-C).
Alexandra will be joining us to speak about the various issues that accompany breast cancer survivorship and strategies for addressing these challenges as well as improving quality of life.

Reminder:
The ABC Newsletter and meeting notice is a bimonthly publication sent electronically. Please make sure that we have your email by emailing us at cancerinfo@mvhealthsystem.org if you have not been receiving newsletters. The newsletter can always be viewed at mvhealthsystem.org/abc. If you do not have an email address, please call 315-624-5764 and we will be happy to accommodate you.

Upcoming Events:
Stomp Out Cancer Telethon
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
Location: Cancer Center Lobby
Faxton Campus 1675 Bennett Street, Utica.
Time: Noon to 8 p.m.

Women’s Health Event
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Location: The Center for Rehabilitation and continuing Care Services, Soggs Room, St. Luke’s Campus, 1650 Champlin Avenue, Utica.
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

National Cancer Survivors Day
Sunday June 2, 2019
Location: Harts Hill Inn
135 Clinton St, Whitesboro, NY 13492
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Relay for Life MVCC
Saturday, June 8, 2019
Sunday, June 9, 2019
Time: Noon to noon