



**SPECIAL
TOPICS
IN CANCER
CONTROL**

This section of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan addresses special topics that are of importance to cancer control. The chapters contained in this section cover cancer surveillance, cancer disparities, patient issues, and cancer survivorship. These topics are cross-cutting issues in this plan and must be addressed in a comprehensive approach to cancer control.

Cancer surveillance involves the collection, analysis, and dissemination of cancer information that can be used for planning, resource allocation, evaluation of cancer prevention and control efforts, and applied research. Cancer disparities are the differences in cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality that exist among specific population groups. As more and more persons are living with, and surviving, cancer, there is a need to address the various and complex issues faced by cancer survivors.

The next three chapters suggest ways to enhance the surveillance of cancer, reduce cancer disparities, and improve the quality of life for cancer survivors in Maryland.