The Louisiana Tumor Registry (LTR), a statewide population based registry, compiles information to help guide policies for cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment prognosis and survivorship.

**Louisiana Tumor Registry Background**

- The LTR collects information from the entire state on the incidence of cancer, including cancer types, anatomic location, extent of cancer at the time of diagnosis, treatment and outcomes.
- LTR is a National Cancer Institute Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) designated registry.
- SEER is the premier source for cancer incidence, prevalence and survival statistics in the United States.
- LTR data can help reduce the state’s cancer burden and disparities.
- Users of LTR data include cancer prevention programs, physicians and other medical practitioners, the public health community and researchers.

**Importance of Funding**

- Without required funding, the Louisiana Tumor Registry would not be able to maintain a strong infrastructure and provide the necessary high-quality data.
- Without a strong infrastructure and data, the cancer control programs and research projects would not be possible.
- Additionally, a reduction in funds could jeopardize the SEER designation and the state would become non-competitive for federal grants.
- Losing the SEER designation also means a loss of clinical trials and money for screening and prevention programs.
- Louisiana’s cancer prevention programs, physicians and researchers rely on timely, complete and high-quality data from the registry.

*The Louisiana Affiliates of Susan G. Komen urge Members of the Legislature to ensure the state has a robust cancer registry by fully funding the Louisiana Tumor Registry in the FY17 budget.*