



**RESEARCH DIRECTOR
Philadelphia, PA**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Cancer Support Community's Research & Training Institute (RTI) in Philadelphia, PA, is seeking a **Research Director**. Candidates should have experience and strong interest in behavioral science, cancer survivorship, health service delivery research, market research and/or health outcomes research.

The **Research Director** reports to the Executive Director of the Research & Training Institute. The Research Director will advance research efforts to better understand the patient, caregiver, and provider experience with cancer and other chronic disease. The Research Director will lead the RTI efforts to advance studies and advance learnings around specific projects currently funded and in development, including studies closely aligned with understanding experience, perception, attitudes, and beliefs across a number of broad subjects. The Director will work with the team to better understand the quality and cost-related impact of integrated psychosocial distress screening, referral, and follow-up on psychosocial care in the context of health care systems and community-based clinical settings. The Director will join a funded study and lead the implementation of the research design, dissemination of research findings, and presentation at professional conferences. Additionally, the Director will lead additional psychosocial research projects on cancer and cancer survivorship, including qualitative research informing the design of quantitative surveys and scale development.

We are seeking an individual with strong project management and data management experience, including implementing research studies, developing surveys and study content, and performing statistical analyses. The successful candidate will possess highly effective interpersonal and collaboration skills, excellent writing and verbal communication skills, and have a strong interest in community-based research and data application. The successful candidate for this position will have interest and related experience in market research, epidemiology, public health, psychology, health informatics, and/or cancer-related psychosocial research.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Research project design, implementation, data reporting, and dissemination;
- Responsible for internal data reporting to the research team and CSC departments;
- Responsible for communicating findings to sponsors and other relevant external audiences
- Maintain IRB standards and requirements for relevant research projects;
- Collaborate with external advisors, partners, and funders around project design and dissemination
- Support publications and conference attendance with respect to research project findings
- Securing resources for future RTI work and sustainability

REQUIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Experience and interest in epidemiology, public health, psychology, health informatics, market research and/or other behavioral research field relevant to cancer and chronic illness;
- A doctoral degree in social and behavioral sciences, psychology, health economics, or related field (e.g., public health, epidemiology, market research); masters degree may be considered with extensive research experience
- Related research experience in qualitative and quantitative psychosocial outcomes and/or interventions with chronic illness/cancer
- Research experience around the evaluation of health economics and outcomes research a plus
- Effective interpersonal as well as written and oral communication skills
- The ability to work independently and collaboratively with multi-disciplinary teams
- Experience with data-driven, web-based applications
- Working knowledge of behavioral research statistics and statistical software (SPSS strongly preferred)
- Interest in community-based research, dissemination and implementation
- Must be able to travel at least 20%
- Valid driver's license

SALARY AND BENEFITS

In addition to a competitive base salary, we offer: comprehensive medical, prescription, vision, and dental coverage; paid vacation and sick time; short-term and long-term disability insurance; flex spending accounts: transit, healthcare and dependent care; life insurance; and optional participation in an employee contribution Tax Sheltered Annuity plan.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please submit to ssuettinger@cancersupportcommunity.org a resume and a cover letter that describes how your experience and skills relate to the above-described responsibilities and qualifications for this position.

ABOUT CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY

As the largest professionally-led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the CSC is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community. CSC achieves its mission through three areas: direct service delivery, research and advocacy. The organization includes an international network of affiliates that offer the highest quality social and emotional support for people impacted by cancer, as well as a community of support available online and over the phone. The CSC Research and Training Institute conducts cutting-edge psychosocial, behavioral and survivorship research. CSC engages in patient advocacy through its Cancer Policy Institute, informing public policy in Washington, D.C. and across the nation.

The Cancer Support Community is an equal employment opportunity employer