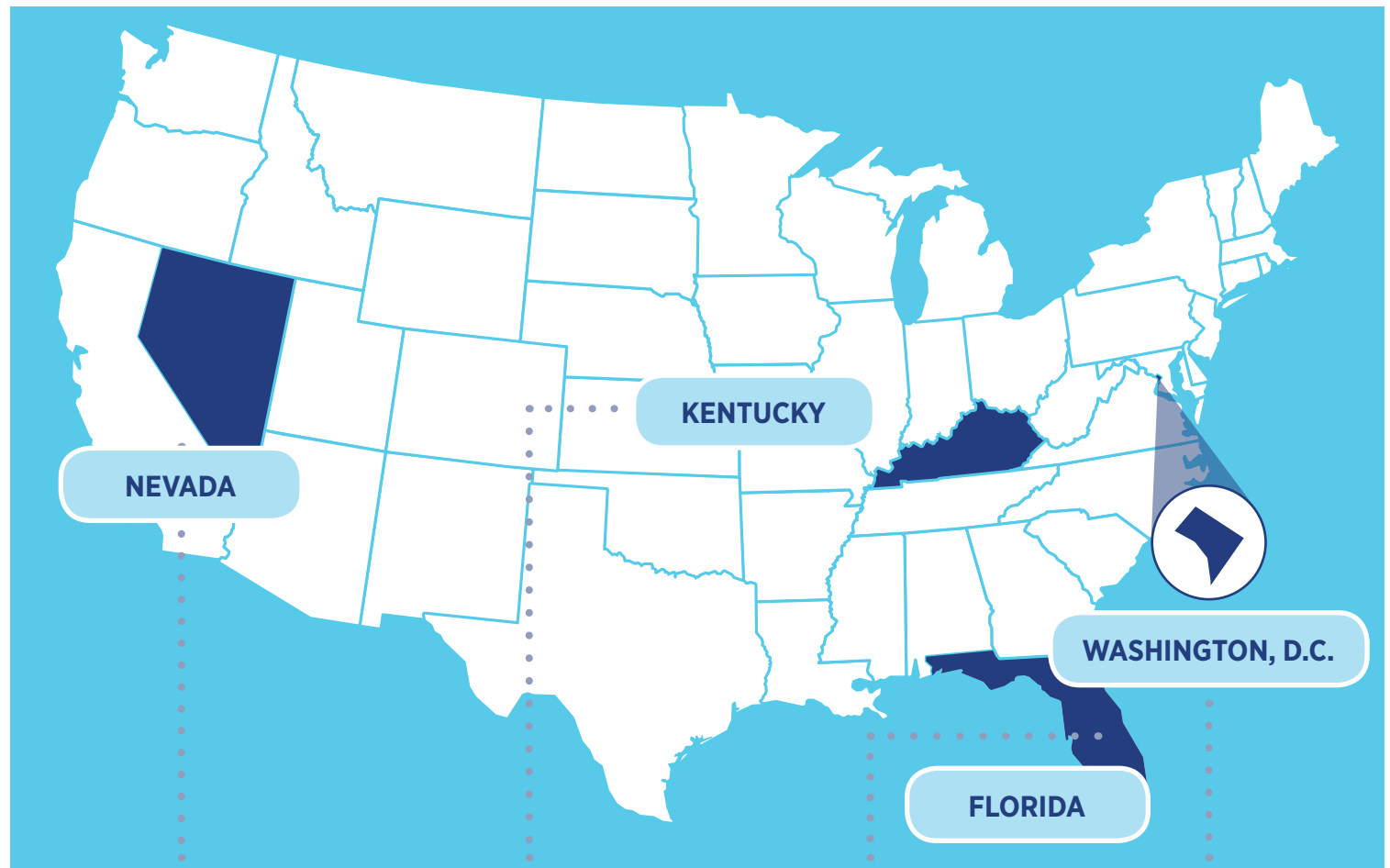


# CANCER CARE IN THE U.S.

## EVERY COMMUNITY IS DIFFERENT

Throughout 2017, the *Cancer and the Community* series visited four cities across the U.S. as a part of an ongoing commitment to address challenges to cancer care where people receive care - in local communities. Each is unique in its needs, opportunities and challenges, and we as a community are as dedicated to delivering the best treatments to the most people—in their local communities — as we are to advancing research inside the lab. Below are some of the many insights gained on the ground.

For more information on the series, visit the event page at <https://www.bms.com/about-us/our-company/atlantic-live.html>



NEVADA	KENTUCKY	FLORIDA	WASHINGTON D.C.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography can make the difference between receiving treatment in your city, or even in your state. With three out of the 17 counties in Nevada considered urban, the average rural resident must travel 115 miles to reach the nearest hospital.</li> <li>• With no academic medical center and one of the lowest rates of oncologists, these distances are compounded for patients needing specialized cancer care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The “cancer capital” suffers one of the highest rates in the country, with lung cancer 50% higher than the national average.</li> <li>• In addition to increasing preventative care and screenings, treatment is impacted by stigma. Many view the disease as a death sentence; those that do seek care often do not know where to go or what kind of help is available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced cancer treatments have led to an unprecedented number of cancer survivors. The care of the patient does not end with the treatment of cancer.</li> <li>• The larger care community need to examine their unique needs and work to address the long-lasting effects the disease leaves after treatment, from financial to psychological.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As the epicenter of policy change, the City holds promise for what can be accomplished to increase access to cancer care.</li> <li>• These changes don’t just occur in the private sphere, but through collaborations across the board from policy to advocacy to healthcare professionals.</li> </ul>