

2020 Federal Agenda



Health Equity: ACS CAN is committed to supporting initiatives in research, prevention, detection and provision of patient services to reduce disparities in cancer that will lead to healthier outcomes for cancer patients and survivors.

Major Campaigns

Appropriations for Cancer Research & Prevention

Support increased funding levels for cancer research and prevention that ensures continued progress in the fight against cancer at the NIH, NCI, and CDC's cancer programs including cancer registries.

Tobacco Control

Advance Congressional and administrative prevention and regulatory policies to reduce the disease and death caused by tobacco products by preventing youth initiation and increasing cessation of use of tobacco products.

Clinical Trials

Support passage of the Henrietta Lacks Enhancing Cancer Research Act of 2019, and other proposals that promote better patient access to clinical trials.

Targeted Campaigns:

Access to Care (Private Insurance, ACA, Medicare, Medicaid, Prescription Drug Costs, Surprise Billing) – Advance policies that preserve protections for cancer patients and survivors and promote access to adequate and affordable insurance coverage, cancer prevention & screening, and treatment. Support legislative changes to lower the cost of prescription drugs and reduce patient out of pocket costs, while maintaining cancer patients' access to lifesaving drugs & therapies.

Patient and Survivor Quality of Life – Support Senate passage of the Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA), to facilitate access to palliative care & coordinated care management for cancer patients and survivors.

Colorectal Cancer Screening – Support passage of the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act, to remove patient cost-sharing in Medicare for colonoscopy with polyp removal.

Ending Death from Cervical Cancer Worldwide – Support the integration of HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening & treatment into existing global health programs.

Federal Legislative Priorities:

Childhood Cancer – Support continued implementation of the Childhood Cancer STAR Act, which advances pediatric cancer research & increases transparency/expertise for pediatric cancer research at the NIH.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) – Support yearly funding for FQHC's in the annual federal appropriations process, and advocate for continued mandatory FQHC funding.

Diagnostic Reform – Support the modernization and harmonization of diagnostics oversight.

Healthy Eating and Active Living – Support implementation of quality nutrition standards for food served in schools and menu labeling standards to combat obesity.

Lung Cancer – Support initiatives that increase education, awareness and research of lung cancer including the Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventative Services Act.

Oral Chemo Parity – Support legislation to provide coverage for oral chemotherapy drugs with the same out of pocket cost sharing as chemotherapy drugs administered intravenously by a physician.

Patient Navigation – Support policies that increase the accessibility of patient navigators for people with cancer.