

# 2021 Federal Agenda



**COVID-19:** ACS CAN will continue to advocate for policy priorities and funding that have been impacted by COVID-19 in cancer research, screening, clinical trials, and treatment.

**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 National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) cancer programs.

Support policies to allocate funding, collect, and make available detailed demographic data that aid researchers and policymakers in identifying disparities to improve health equity in cancer prevention, detection, and treatment.

#### Targeted Campaigns:

##### **Access to Care (Private Insurance, ACA, Medicare, Medicaid, Prescription Drug Costs, Telehealth)**

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 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.

**Access to Innovative Cancer Screening Modalities** – Support passage of the Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, to modernize Medicare and create a benefit for multi-cancer early detection tests which allows CMS to initiate an evidence-based coverage process following FDA approval.

#### Federal Legislative Priorities:

**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.

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

**Clinical Trials** – Support policies that remove barriers to cancer clinical trials and ensure that more clinical trials are available for all Americans.

**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.

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

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

**Paid Medical Leave** – Support efforts to enact paid medical leave policies for people with serious conditions and their caregivers.