

# 2022 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 (Fiscal Year 22 and Fiscal Year 23)

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.

### Access to Care

Advance policies that promote equitable access to affordable, quality health care, insurance coverage, cancer prevention and screening. Lower the cost of prescription drugs and reduce patient out of pocket costs, while maintaining cancer patients' access to lifesaving drugs & therapies. In 2022, our access to care focus is to pass the Build Back Better Act that contains several health policy initiatives that we support.

### Targeted Campaigns:

**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 Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (H.R. 1946/S. 1873), to create a pathway allowing Medicare to initiate coverage of multi-cancer tests following FDA approval, if clinical benefit is shown.

**Access to Clinical Trials** – Support passage of DIVERSE Trials Act (H.R. 5030/S. 2706) to ensure access to cancer clinical trials is available for all Americans by removing barriers to participation.

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

### 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.

**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 through the VALID Act.

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