

2019 Federal Agenda

Major Campaigns

- **Appropriations for Cancer Research & Prevention** – Support substantial funding increases for research at the NIH and NCI and prevention at the CDC, including cancer registries, Breast and Cervical Cancer and colorectal cancer funding.
- **Access to Care (private health insurance, ACA, Medicare and Medicaid, Drug Costs)** – Support and advance policies that preserve protections for cancer patients and survivors and that promote access to adequate and affordable health insurance coverage, cancer prevention screening and services. Monitor and respond to policy proposals that endanger access to affordable, adequate coverage. Promote access to affordable and comprehensive coverage and low out of pocket costs for the most vulnerable, including seniors and low-income cancer patients, survivors, and those at particular risk of cancer. Support legislative and regulatory changes to lower the price of prescription drugs, reduce patient out-of-pocket costs, and maintain access to affordable lifesaving drugs and therapies for cancer patients.
- **Patient and Survivor Quality of Life** – Support House and Senate passage of Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA), legislation to facilitate access to palliative care and coordinated care management for cancer patients and survivors.
- **Cancer Prevention and Early Detection – 80 Percent Colorectal Cancer Screening Rate**– Support the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act to remove Medicare patient cost-sharing requirements 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.

Emerging Campaigns & Other Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Breast Cancer Screening**—Support the Breast Density and Mammography Reporting Act. Legislation that would establish an evidence-based process to give women information about the potential impact that breast density has in masking breast cancer, and to encourage new research to better understand breast density and its impact on breast cancer screening.
- **Childhood Cancer** – Support funding increases for the Childhood Cancer STAR Act, which advances pediatric cancer research and increases transparency/expertise for pediatric cancer research at the NIH.
- **Clinical Trials** – Support increased research funding, and better patient access to clinical trials.
- **Diagnostic Reform** – Support assertion of FDA authority over laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
- **Disparities** – Support 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.
- **FQHCs** – Support yearly funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in the appropriations process and work to ensure that mandatory FQHC funding under ACA is continued.
- **Healthy Eating and Active Living** – Support implementation of quality nutrition standards for food served in schools and menu labeling standards to combat obesity.
- **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 (IV) by a physician.
- **Patient Navigation** – Support efforts to increase the availability of patient navigators for people with cancer.
- **Skin Cancer** – Support efforts to reduce skin cancer through better regulation of indoor tanning devices.
- **Tobacco Control** – Support advancement of tobacco regulation at the FDA and maintain FDA’s statutory authority over all tobacco products, including cigars and electronic cigarettes, and support and increase the funding of the CDC Office on Smoking and Health tobacco prevention and cessation activities.