

Federal Investment in Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, Outreach and Education

Call to Action: The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) calls on Congress to support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) cancer programs. Cancer control programs play an indispensable role in the prevention, detection, and treatment of cancer. These programs save lives.

What's At Stake

The CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC) plays a crucial role in providing millions of screening exams, funding state cancer registries, providing technical assistance and funding to state cancer control programs and educating the public directly on how to reduce their risk of cancer. Funding cuts to the DCPC risk losing the ability to collect data on cancer cases in the U.S., educate the public about cancer and cancer risk, and fund state programs that help prevent cancer, improve access to screening and treatment and help survivors.

At Stake: National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP)ⁱ

For thirty years, NBCCEDP has **decreased breast and cervical cancer deaths** by providing cost-effective breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnostic tests and treatment referral services to communities that are limited-income, underserved, under-insured and uninsured.



6.5 million women

have received timely access to breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.



Over 350,000 breast and cervical cancers detected combined

Breast and cervical cancer deaths are averted and health care costs are significantly reduced when cancer is detected early.

At Stake: National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP)ⁱⁱ

The NCCCP helps reduce the burden of cancer by supporting **community-focused coalitions** that share resources and expertise, prioritize evidence-based strategies and implement **cancer plans to address cancer needs** in their communities.



65 cancer control plans

serve as blueprints for cancer action in all 50 States, DC, 7 US Pacific Islands and 7 tribes and tribal organizations. NCCCP uses funding, guidance, and technical assistance to ensure the cancer control plans are impactful, strategic and sustainable.

At Stake: National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR)ⁱⁱⁱ

State-based cancer registries within the NPCR gather, manage and analyze data about incidence, stage at diagnosis and treatment. This information **guides cancer control programs and helps to ensure health resources are allocated where its needed most.**



97% of the US population

is represented in cancer registries. NPCR supports cancer registries in 46 states, DC, Puerto Rico, the US Pacific Island Jurisdictions and the US Virgin Islands.



High-quality cancer data

Cancer registries monitor the burden of cancer, evaluate cancer programs and identify needs.

At Stake: Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP)^{iv}

The Colorectal Cancer Control Program partners with clinics and health systems to increase evidenced-based colorectal cancer screening rates among high-need groups. The CRCCP saves lives by **preventing or detecting cancer** sooner when it is **easier and less expensive to treat**.



+1,300 clinics

partnered with CRCCP to increase screening in hard-to-reach populations.



20% increase in CRC screening in partner clinics

An additional 174,529 patients reported to be up-to-date with screening.

DCPC Partnerships and Public Education Campaigns^v

In addition to its flagship programs, CDC's DCPC conducts applied research, surveillance, communication and programmatic activities on numerous cancer issues to help Americans better understand their cancer risk and better utilize prevention, screening and treatment options:

- The **Bring Your Brave** initiative educates women under 45 about breast cancer through real, personal stories of facing cancer at a young age. These stories about prevention, risk, family history and survivorship bring to life the idea that young women can be personally affected by breast cancer.
- The **Inside Knowledge About Gynecologic Cancer** initiative raises awareness about the five main types of gynecologic cancer and encourages women to pay attention to their bodies, so they can recognize any warning signs and seek medical care.
- The **Screen for Life** initiative informs men and women who are 45 years old or older about the importance of getting screened for colorectal cancer regularly.
- The **Prostate Cancer Awareness** initiative conducts research on prostate cancer, enhances prostate cancer data and educates men about prostate cancer screening.
- The **Cancer Survivorship** initiative addresses cancer survivorship through comprehensive cancer control initiatives and the development of survivorship activities and materials.
- The **Skin Cancer Prevention Education** initiative conducts monitoring, research, education and interventions for skin cancer. It also assesses the prevalence of sunburn and sun-protective behaviors.
- The **Ovarian Cancer Control** initiative partners with academic and medical institutions to advance techniques that will detect ovarian cancer and develop more successful treatments.

Investments in Cancer Control Programs Save Lives

Nearly half of cancer cases can be prevented and the substantial cost of the treatment of advanced disease could be reduced using existing evidence-based prevention and early detection strategies supported by CDC's cancer control programs. The ability to continue to make progress against cancer relies on sustained and continued funding of these vital programs.

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