

NCI Legislative Update



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Congressional Activities

- 107th Congress adjourned sine die Nov. 22
- Continuing Resolution (H.J.Res. 124) to fund federal programs at FY 2002 levels through Jan. 11
- 108th Congress begins on January 7, 2003
 - Change of control in the Senate
 - All unpassed bills from 107th Congress expired
 - Bills introduced in 107th Congress may indicate themes for 108th Congress

Appropriations FY 2003

(dollars in thousands)

	President's Request	Senate (S. 2766)	House (H.R. 5320)
NIH	\$27,335,075 (17%)	\$27,192,926 (16%)	
NCI	\$4,724,505 (14%)	\$4,642,394 (12%)	

Republicans Control Senate

- New Committee Chairs
 - Sen. Ted Stevens – Appropriations Committee
 - Sen. Arlen Specter – Labor, HHS, Education Subcommittee
 - Sen. Judd Gregg – HELP Committee
 - Sen. Bill Frist – Public Health Subcommittee
- Makeup of each Committee will change
 - Republicans will gain one member
 - Democrats will lose one member

Recent Public Laws from the 107th Congress

- Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002
- Benign Brain Tumor Cancer Registries Amendment Act
- Rare Diseases Act of 2002

Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002

- Public Law 107-250 - introduced as H.R. 5651
- Director of NIH may conduct or support research to examine the long-term health implications of silicone breast implants, both gel and saline filled
- Signed by the President on October 26, 2002

Benign Brain Tumor Cancer Registries Amendment Act

- Public Law 107-260 – introduced as S.2558
- State-wide cancer registries collect data for benign brain tumors
- Signed by the President on October 29, 2002

Rare Diseases Act of 2002

- Public Law No: 107-280 – introduced as H.R. 4013
- Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Rare Diseases at the National Institutes of Health
- Signed by the President on November 6, 2002

Legislative Themes

- Quality of Cancer Care
 - National Cancer Act
- Health Disparities
 - Patient Navigator
- Prevention
 - Obesity
- Survivorship

Quality of Cancer Care National Cancer Act

<u>Themes</u>	<u>Bills</u>
• Standards of Care	• S. 2955 - National Cancer Act of 2002 (<i>Brownback/Gregg</i>)
• Surveillance	• S. 2965 - Quality of Care for Individuals With Cancer Act (<i>Kennedy/Frist</i>)
• Information/Cancer Communications	• S. 1976/H. R. 4596 - National Cancer Act of 2002 (<i>Feinstein</i>)
• Core Quality Measures	

Health Disparities Patient Navigator

Themes

- Early detection, treatment, and follow-up services for medically underserved populations – Patient Navigator model
- Culturally competent health care delivery

Bills

- H. R. 5187 - Patient Navigator, Outreach, and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2002
- S. 2990 – Improving the Health of Hispanic Individuals

Prevention Obesity

Themes

- Interest shifting toward prevention and behavior
- Major implications for American health
- Risk factor for several diseases, including some cancers

Bills

- H. R. 633/S. 208 – WISEWOMAN Expansion Act of 2001
- S. 2821 – Improved Nutrition and Physical Activity Act (IMPACT)
- H. R. 5659 – Obesity Prevention Act

Survivorship

Themes

- Office of Cancer Survivorship
- Expand and coordinate cancer survivorship research
- Potential for Earmarking

Bills

- H. R. 4963 - Cancer Survivorship Research and Quality of Life Act of 2002
- S. 2955 – National Cancer Act of 2002

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