

NCI Legislative Update

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Recent Congressional Hearings

- March 31 – Cancer Survivorship
 - Senate Cancer Coalition
 - Senators Feinstein and Brownback Co-Chairs
 - Dr. Julia Rowland, Director NCI Office of Cancer Survivorship testified

Recent Congressional Hearings

- June 3 – Potential Reduced Exposure/
Reduced Risk Tobacco Products: An
Examination of the Regulatory Challenges
and Public Health Impact
 - House Government Reform Committee
 - Chairman Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA)
 - Ranking Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA)
 - Dr. Scott Leischow, NCI Tobacco Control
Branch testified

Legislative Areas of Interest

- Comprehensive Cancer Legislation
- Health Disparities
- Breast Cancer and the Environment

National Cancer Act of 2003

(S. 1101)

- Similar to National Cancer Act of 2002 (S. 1976)
- Greater focus on Cancer Prevention
- Calls for continued increases in Funding for NCI
- Mandates the expansion of the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Panel
- Establishes Office of Cancer Survivorship
- Increases funding for Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
- Does not call for FDA regulation of tobacco

National Cancer Act of 2003

- Increase in funding for NCI “as outlined in the Bypass Budget” (Sense of the Senate)
- Strategic Plans to identify unmet needs in 9 specific areas
- Translational Cancer Research
 - 20 translational cancer research centers (new or existing)
 - Create systems for eventual hand-off to private
 - Plan to disseminate efficacious products to cancer care providers

National Cancer Act of 2003

- Grants for Development of Targeted Drugs
- Establish a Cancer Research Loan Repayment Program
- Patient Navigator Programs
- Other Agencies with mandates
 - CDC
 - NIEHS
 - AHRQ
 - HRSA
 - IOM
 - FDA
 - IHS

Health Disparities Patient Navigator

- H. R. 918/S. 453 - Patient Navigator, Outreach, and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2003 (Rep. Menendez/Sen. Hutchison)
- H. R. 90 Good Medicine Cultural Competence Act of 2003 (Rep. Jackson-Lee)
- H. R. 2258 – The Hispanic Health Improvement Act of 2003 (Rep. Rodriguez)

Breast Cancer and the Environment

- New bills introduced
 - H. R. 1657: The Annie Fox Act
 - H. R. 1746/S. 983: Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2003
- Provide guidance for the NIEHS to fund research in the field of breast cancer