



# President's Cancer Panel Update

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# The President's Cancer Panel



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Margaret L. Kripke, Ph.D.

*Awaiting White House appointment of third Panel member*

Executive Secretary: Abby Sandler, Ph.D.



# Mission of the PCP

- The Panel shall monitor the development and execution of the activities of the National Cancer Program, and shall report directly to the President.
- Any delays or blockages in rapid execution of the Program shall immediately be brought to the attention of the President.



# 2008-2009 Meeting Series

## *Environmental Factors in Cancer*

- First draft completed and under revision
- Expected release date: Late 2009





# 2009-2010 Meeting Series

## *America's Demographic and Cultural Transformation: Implications for the Cancer Enterprise*





# Questions for Exploration

- What are the implications for U.S. cancer trends as the proportion of ethnic sub-populations increases in the coming decades?
- As ethnic sub-populations change in proportion over time, will the current cancer screening guidelines continue to be appropriate or relevant?



# Questions for Exploration

- Are there biologically based differences between ethnic groups in clinical presentation or response to cancer treatment?
- Does the clinical encounter differ across ethnic groups?
- Do patients from ethnic sub-populations experience, understand and discuss cancer differently than mainstream populations?





# 2009-2010 Series Information

- **Schedule:**
  - September 22, 2009 - Seattle, WA
  - October 28, 2009 - Los Angeles, CA
  - December 9, 2009 - Wilmington, DE
  - February 2, 2010 - Miami, FL
- **Meeting Information:**
  - Information Flyer: Posted on PCP Website  
([http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/pcp/At-a-Glance\\_demographics.pdf](http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/pcp/At-a-Glance_demographics.pdf))
  - Seattle Agenda: Posted on PCP Website  
(<http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/pcp/pcp0909/agenda.pdf>)
  - Los Angeles Agenda: Posted on PCP Website  
(<http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/pcp/pcp1009/agenda.pdf>)



# Letter to President Obama: Challenges to Reducing the Nation's Deaths from Cancer

## Purpose:

- To summarize the Panel's findings and recommendations over the past ten years
- To provide the new Administration with a concise summary of the challenges that must be addressed if we are to make progress in controlling this deadly disease.



# Letter to President Obama:

## Challenges to Reducing the Nation's Deaths from Cancer

### Challenges:

- The magnitude of the problem and impact of the aging population.
- The continued use of tobacco products
- Unequal access to cancer care
- Lack of overall coordination of the Nation's cancer program
- Limited resources—dollars, time, and personnel
- The growing population of cancer survivors
- Mismatch between research priorities and disease impact



# Potential Topics for Future Series

The President's Cancer Panel welcomes suggestions from the NCAB members of topics for our upcoming 2010-2011 meeting series.





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