NCI Director's Report

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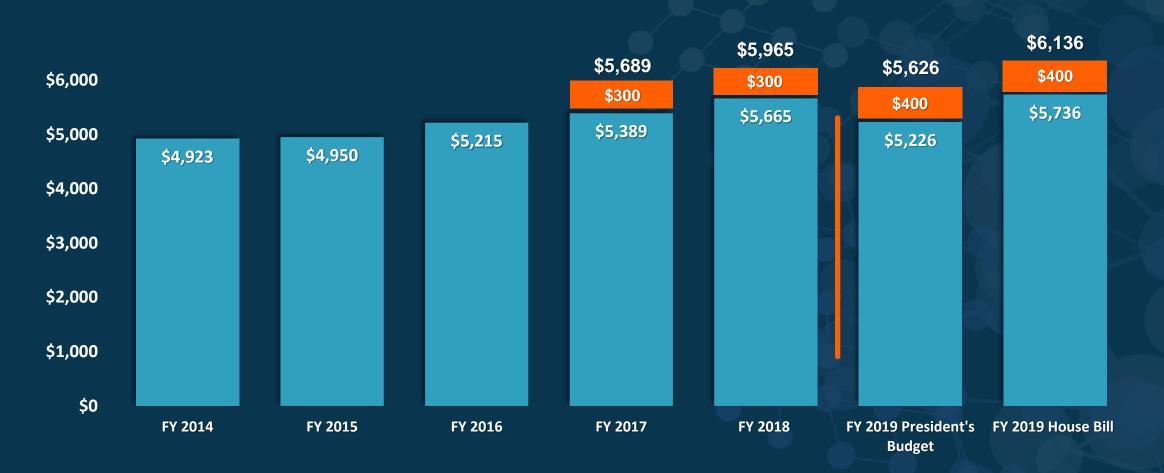


Updates

Budget, Congressional interactions, Annual Report to the Nation, Leadership



NCI Appropriations FY 2014-2019 (in millions)



Source: NCI Office of Budget and Finance 3

FY 2018 NCI Budget Overview (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation Increase ove	¹ Does not in	
FY 2017 Enacted	\$5,389,329	\$300M 21st Cures fundin
FY 2018 Enacted	\$5,664,800	Cancer Moor
Appropriation Increase	\$275,471	

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Estimated Increase, as of 6/22/2018	
Taps, Assessments, Transfers, Salaries & Benefits	\$37,900
Small Business Set Aside	\$10,000
Additional Investments in the RPG Pool	\$147,000
Centers and SPOREs	\$20,000
Targeted Research Opportunities	\$60,571
Total	\$275,471

FY 2018 NCI Budget Overview

Targeted Research Opportunities¹

Genomic Profiling of Lung Cancer in Never Smokers in General & Special Populations

The Cancer Imaging Archive

Data Integration and Analysis for APOLLO

Glioblastoma Research Pilot Project

New Onset Diabetes (NOD) Cohort Biorepository

Cancer Research Education Grants to Promote Diversity (R25's)

¹ This table does not represent the entire population of Targeted Research Opportunities in FY 2018, but rather a select few





Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS Subcommittee Hearing on FY19 NIH Budget – May 17, 2018

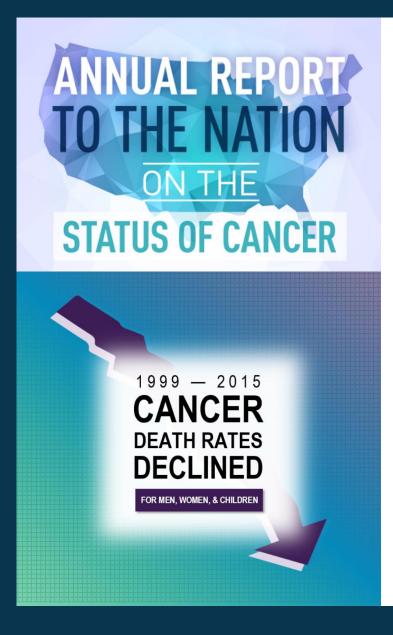


House Appropriations Labor-HHS Subcommittee Hearing on FY19 NIH Budget – April 11, 2018



Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) visit to NCI – May 1, 2018





NATIONAL TRENDS IN CANCER DEATH RATES



AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE (AAPC) 2011-2015

Leadership Changes



Jeffrey S. Abrams, MD

Deborah K. Mayer, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN Edward L. Trimble, MD, MPH







2018 Global Humanitarian Award Recipient

Edward L. Trimble, MD, MPH

For developing initiatives and collaborating with low- and middle-income countries to support cancer control planning, build capacity and support cancer research and training.





NCI Center for Global Health

Interim leadership





Robert T. Croyle, PhD Thomas G. Gross, MD, PhD

Lisa Stevens, PhD

Douglas R. Lowy, MD



NCAB Ad Hoc Working Groups









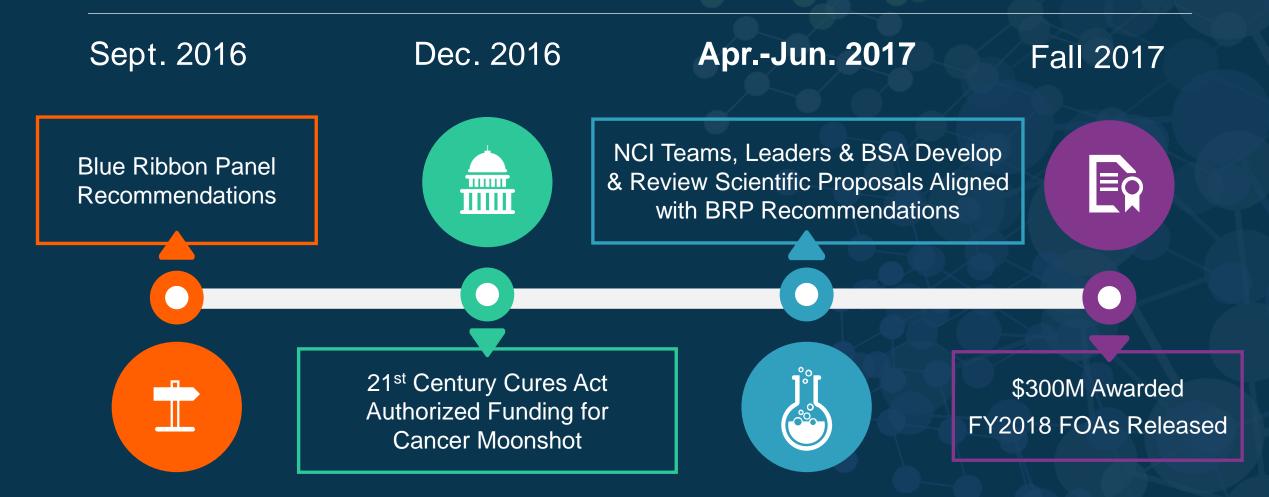
Data Science Working Group



Population Sciences, Epidemiology, and **Disparities Working** Group (new)



Cancer Moonshot



Notable NCI Research

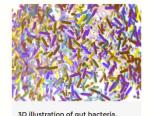
NCI Press Release

NCI study finds gut microbiome can control antitumor immune function in liver

Posted: May 24, 2018

Contact: NCI Press Office 240-760-6600

Scientists have found a connection between bacteria in the gut and antitumor immune responses in the liver. Their study, published online May 24 in *Science*, was led by researchers in the Center for Cancer Research (CCR) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). It showed that bacteria found in the gut of mice affect the liver's antitumor immune function. The findings have implications for understanding the mechanisms that lead to liver cancer and for therapeutic approaches to treat them. NCI is part of the National Institutes of Health.



3D Illustration of gut bacter Credit: iStock

"What we found using different tumor models is

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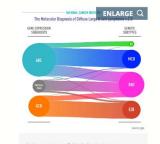
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NCI study revises molecular classification for most common type of lymphoma

Posted: April 11, 2018

In a new study, researchers identified genetic subtypes of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) that could help explain why some patients with the disease respond to treatment and others don't. The study, led by researchers in the Center for Cancer Research (CCR) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), part of the National Institutes of Health, with additional authors from several institutions around the world, was published online April 11, 2018, in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

"These findings are the culmination of two decades of research at NCI and elsewhere, advancing our understanding of the effect of



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Subgroups of DLBCL by gene expression (left) defined several years ago. Genetic subtypes

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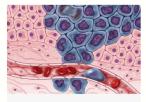
NIH completes in-depth genomic analysis of 33 cancer types

Posted: April 5, 2018

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Researchers funded by the National Institutes of Health have completed a detailed genomic analysis, known as the PanCancer Atlas, on a data set of molecular and clinical information from over 10,000 tumors representing 33 types of cancer.

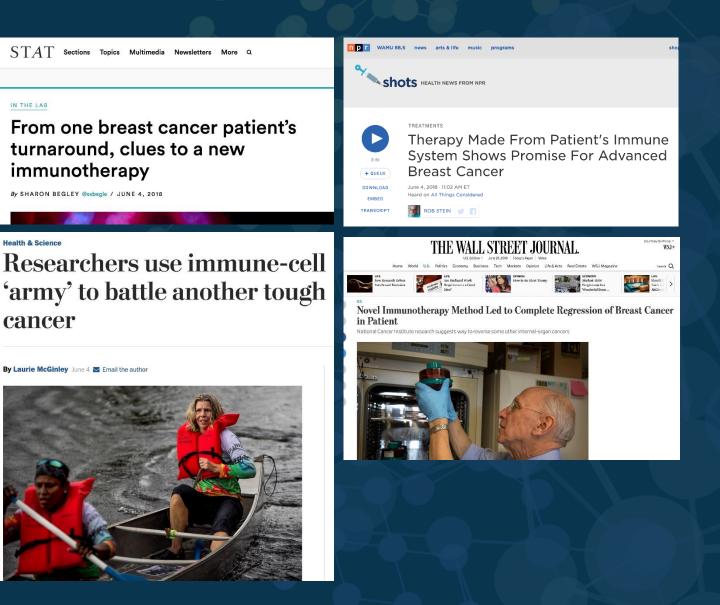
"This project is the culmination of more than a decade of groundbreaking work," said NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D. "This analysis provides cancer researchers with unprecedented understanding of how, where, and why tumors arise in humans, enabling better-informed clinical trials and future



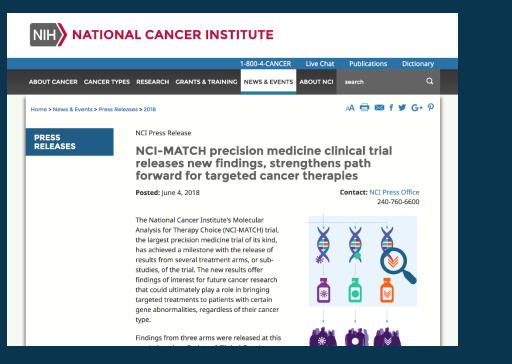
Growing cancer cells (in purple) are surrounded by healthy cells (in pink), illustrating a primary tumor spreading to other parts of the body through the circulatory system.

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Immune recognition of somatic mutations leading to complete durable regression in metastatic breast cancer



NCI at ASCO





Phase 2 Selumetinib in NF1 PN Multi-Institutional CTEP Sponsored Study	
Study Objectives: • Primary: Complete and partial response (PR) rate as measured by volumetric MRI • Secondary: • Effect on pain, quality of life, disfigurement and physical functioning • Long term safety and tolerability • Pharmacodynamics (endothelial progenitors, cytokines)	RAS RAF
Eligibility: Children 2-18 years old with NF1 and inoperable PN causing morbidity 	MEK
Selumetinib Administration: • 25 mg/m ² /dose BID continuous dosing (1 cycle = 28 days) Response Evaluations: • Volumetric MRI every 4 cycles for 2 years (then every 6 cycles)	ERK
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<u>Trial Assigning IndividuaLized</u> <u>Options for TReatment (TAILORx)</u>

HEALTH

How a U.S. postal stamp helped fund a pivotal study on breast cancer

By ASSOCIATED PRESS / JUNE 4, 2018



"I think it's been well spent" - Dinah S. Singer, Ph.D.

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treatment.

from the disease

to somebody."

HEALT

Good News for Women With Breast Cancer: Many Don't Need Chemo Many women with early-stage forms of the disease can forego chemo, based on a test that measures the activity of genes involved in breast cancer recurrence.

powerful. It really changes the standard of care."

Many women with early-stage breast cancer who would receive

chemotherapy under current standards do not actually need it, according to

treatment that really wouldn't benefit them," said Dr. Ingrid A. Mayer, from Vanderbilt University Medical Center, an author of the study. "This is very

a major international study that is expected to quickly change medical

"We can spare thousands and thousands of women from getting toxic

The study found that gene tests on tumor samples were able to identify women who could safely skip chemotherapy and take only a drug that blocks the hormone estrogen or stops the body from making it. The hormone-blocking drug tamoxifen and related medicines, called endocrine therapy, have become an essential part of treatment for most women because they lower the risks of recurrence new breast tumors and death

"I think this is a very significant advance," said Dr. Larry Norton, of

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He is not an author of the study, but his hospital participated. "Ill be able to look people in the eye and say, 'We analyzed your tumor, you have a really good prognosis and you actually don't need chemotherapy.' That's a nice thing to be able to say

The New York Times

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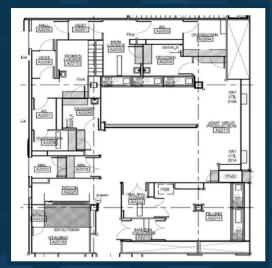
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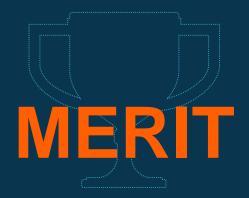
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Workforce Training & Development

- Ensure diversity and representation
- Encourage training of the right skills (Ks and Rs)
- Set aside R01 funding for early-stage investigators (ESIs)
- Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) R37

Early Stage Investigators



Method to Extend Research in Time R37 Award NCI recognizes that Early Stage Investigators (ESI) face challenges.

In addition to increased ESI payline, NCI is announcing its new use of the MERIT Award in 2018.

The award gives eligible investigators applying for first R01 the opportunity to obtain up to seven years of grant funding (5+2)

This will provide critical time for ESIs to launch their careers and become more established before attempting renewal.

NIH Next Generation Researchers Initiative

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Next Generation Researchers Initiative

NIH has launched the Next Generation Researchers Initiative to address longstanding challenges faced by researchers trying to embark upon and sustain independent research careers, and to take steps to promote the growth, stability and diversity of the biomedical research workforce.

Policy

On August 31, 2017, NIH announced policy details in the NIH Guide Notice: "Policy Supporting the Next Generation Researchers Initiative (NOT-OD-17-101)". The policy amends the definitions of, and policies supporting, early stage investigators (ESIs). In addition, it creates a new policy for early established investigators (EEIs), previously referred to as mid-career investigators, and describes how NIH will monitor the implementation of the policy to determine the impact on ESI and EEI diversity in the NIH portfolio Further information can be found on the policy page. Learn more about NIH policies to support ESIs and EEIs.



Related Resources

Frequently Asked Questions

Policy Page

NIH Guide Notice

References

NIH Director's Statement - 6/8/2017

Presentation to the Advisory Committee to the Director - 6/8/2017 -(PDF - 1.29 MB)

Background

NIH and its stakeholder community have for many years been concerned about the long-term stability of the biomedical research enterprise. Too many researchers vying for limited resources has led to a hypercompetitive environment. Many highly meritorious applications go unfunded. This has too often resulted in misaligned incentives and unintended consequences for talented researchers at all career stages who are trying to succeed and stay in science. The current environment is particularly challenging for many new- and mid-career investigators.

Over the last several years, NIH has taken numerous steps to balance, strengthen, and stabilize the biomedical research

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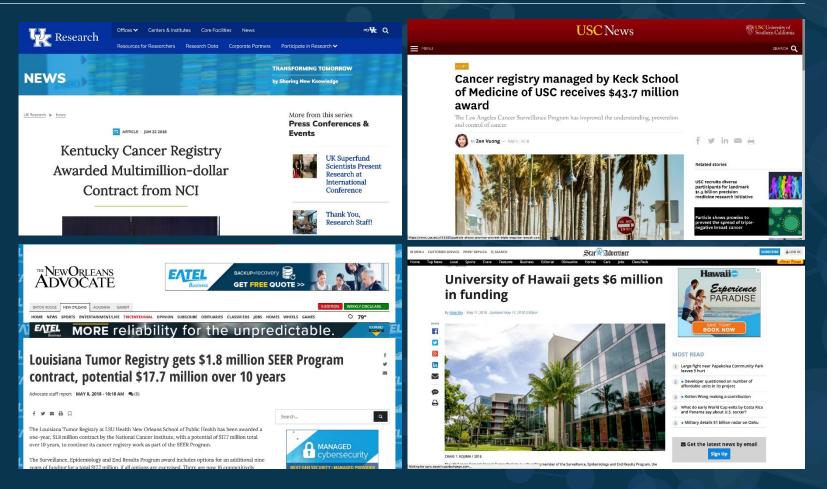
Big Data: Data Infrastructure Investments

- Cancer Cloud Resources
- Data Commons Framework Services
- New reporting tools for better insight into active clinical trials
- Recommitment to DOE collaboration*
- Prototype CRDC nodes for imaging and proteomics*
- Collaborations that enable integration of EHR and insurance claims data with SEER*

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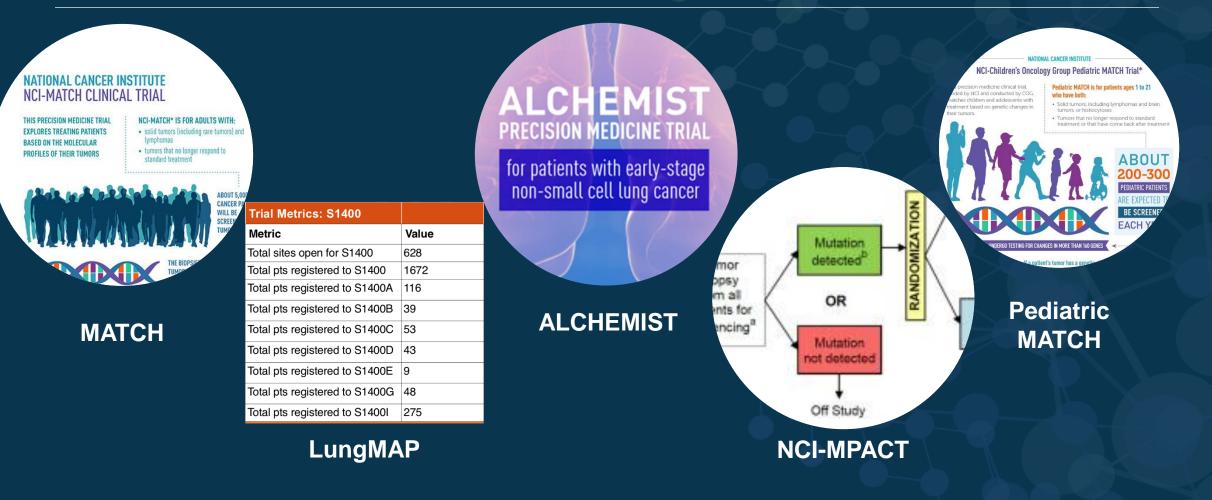
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NAVIGATE

NCI and VA Interagency Group to Accelerate Trials Enrollment

NAVIGATE will make it easier for veterans to access state-of-the-art treatments via clinical trials by bringing the trials to them, rather than seeking treatment outside of the Veterans Health Administration.







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