

NCI  
Breast Pre-Malignancy  
Program

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# Stamp-Out Breast Cancer Stamp Act

## Background:

- Purpose: Support breast cancer research and raise public awareness about the disease
- Allows U.S. Postal Service to sell a special issue stamp with a surcharge above the first-class postage rate (current rate 45 cents)
- Authorized by P.L. 105-41 in August 1997 and reauthorized through 2007 by P.L. 109-100



# Stamp-Out Breast Cancer Stamp Act

- 70% of donated funds allocated to the National Cancer Institute, NIH
- 30% of donated funds allocated to the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program

## NCI Breast Cancer Research Supported via the Fund

- As of FY 2006, NCI received a total of \$35.2 million
- Funds have supported two programs:
  - Insight Awards to Stamp-Out Breast Cancer (Support of R21s- high risk research)
  - Breast Cancer Research Stamp Act Awards (Funding of R01 proposals focused exclusively on breast cancer that were outside the pay line)
- For FY 2007, NCI has \$8.3 million from the Fund to support additional breast cancer research

## NCI Breast Pre-Malignancy Program

- Breast pre-malignancy research was identified as the target area for use of new Breast Cancer Stamp Act funds
- The NCI Breast Pre-Malignancy Program was established, consisting of 6 research components
- A Trans-NCI Steering Committee was formed to provide oversight and integration to the Program
  - All 5 extramural and both intramural Divisions and most Centers are represented

# NCI Breast Pre-Malignancy Program

Six Projects were Selected by the NCI Executive Committee For Support:

- Biology of Breast Pre-Malignancy (DCB)
- Molecular Epidemiology and Mammographic Density (DCEG)
- Evaluation of Decision-Making Approaches Used by Women Recruited to Chemoprevention Trials for Breast Cancer (DCP)
- Evaluation Strategies to Improve Accuracy of Mammography Interpretation with the Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium Research Resources (DCCPS)
- MRI-Guided Therapy with Targeted SPIO Carbon Nanostructure -- Supplement to a Breast Cancer SPORE (DCTD)
- Isolation, Propagation, Characterization, and Imaging of Breast Cancer Stem Cells to Improve Early Diagnosis and Therapy of Breast Cancer; and Development and Characterization of Affibody<sup>®</sup>-Based Bioconjugates for Molecular Imaging and Targeted Therapy of HER2-Positive Breast Cancers (CCR)

# CCR Breast Pre-Malignancy Projects

Isolation, Propagation, Characterization, and Imaging of Breast Cancer Stem Cells to Improve Early Diagnosis and Therapy of Breast Cancer

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