Promoting Healthy Lifestyles: Policy, Program, and Personal Recommendations for Reducing Cancer Risk
2007-2008 Meeting Series

Strategies for Maximizing the Nation’s Investment in Cancer

- September 10, 2007, Atlanta, GA
- October 22, 2007, San Diego, CA
- December 3, 2007, San Juan, PR
- January 28, 2008, New Orleans, LA
Common Themes

- Role of NCI in the nation’s cancer enterprise
- Patient-centered cancer research and care
- Coordination across the cancer enterprise
- Innovative scientific discovery
- “Follow the evidence” – apply what is known
Common Themes

- Access to quality cancer care for all
- Smoking cessation and prevention
- Regulatory barriers
- Technology development and application
- Workforce issues
- Sharing knowledge and resources
- Strong leadership
- Need for unified message/vision
The Panel is in the process of preparing its final conclusions and recommendations from this series, and a final report will be presented to the President this summer.
Environmental Factors in Cancer

- September 16, 2008  New Jersey
- October 21, 2008  TBA
- December 4, 2007  Charleston, SC
- January 27, 2009  Reno, NV
Focus

- Cancer-causing pollutants found in:
  - Air – indoor and outdoor pollution
  - Soil
  - Food: Pesticides, herbicides, chemical plant run off
  - Water
  - Workplace exposure – arsenic, asbestos, job specific chemical use, cadmium
  - Other - nuclear fallout, electromagnetic fields, and radiation exposure
Possible Outcomes

- Determine the role of NCI as it relates to environmental causes of cancer
- Identify research needs and potential new areas of collaboration between Federal agencies
- Increase public awareness of environmental and occupational hazards
- Develop recommendations for:
  - regulating toxic and other potentially hazardous chemicals and materials
  - reducing exposure to cancer-causing pollutants
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