



President's Cancer Panel Update

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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



Annual Report

- The Panel is in the process of preparing its conclusions and recommendations from this series, and a final report will be presented to the President this summer



2008-2009 Meeting Series

Environmental Factors in Cancer

- September 16, 2008 East Brunswick, NJ
 - *Industrial and Manufacturing Exposures*
- October 21, 2008 Indianapolis, IN
 - *Agricultural Exposures*
- December 4, 2008 Charleston, SC
 - *Indoor/Outdoor Air Pollution and Water Contamination*
- January 27, 2009 TBD
 - *Nuclear Fallout, Electromagnetic Fields, and Radiation Exposure*

Focus

- Pollutants found in:
 - Air – indoor and outdoor pollution
 - Soil
 - Food
 - Water

} Pesticides, herbicides, chemical plant run off

- 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 pollutants



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