

SUMMARY MINUTES

NATIONAL CANCER ADVISORY BOARD
AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON NUTRITION

Conference Room 9, C Wing
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
Building 31, Bethesda, Maryland

September 8-9, 1981

The NCAB ad hoc Subcommittee on Nutrition convened an open session at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 1981 in Conference Room 9, C Wing, Building 31, on the NIH Campus. Attached is a roster of the Subcommittee. Drs. Selikoff and Wogan were absent. Also present were NCI staff and members of the public.

Dr. Henderson open the meeting by outlining the purposes of the meeting. She indicated that the Subcommittee would receive a report from the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Diet, Nutrition and Cancer and a report on the chemoprevention activities of NCI's Division of Resources, Centers and Community Activities. She indicated that the Subcommittee will also considered how to approach the report that will be submitted to the National Cancer Advisory Board.

Dr. Grobstein, chairman of the NAS Committee, highlighted the agenda of the Committee. He indicated that the Committee would examine the extant literature in the area of diet, nutrition and cancer and develop interim dietary recommendations for the public. This will be followed by the development of research recommendations for the NCI.

Dr. Steven Carter, Chairman, DRCCA Board of Scientific Counselors, reported on the chemoprevention activities of DRCCA over the past year. He reported on chemoprevention workshops sponsored by the Division and on future plans for a chimoprovention program.

The following morning the Subcommittee raised questions to address in the report. The major questions to be addressed are: 1) is diet and nutrition and important and timely cancer research emphasis? 2) is the current amount of research in field sufficient, of adequate quality, and appropriately focused in terms of subject matter and disciplines? 3) does the relative importance of this field of research match the way in which it is supported within the Institute with non earmarked dollars? 4) which scientific disciplines should be involved? 5) What research manpower exists and/or is needed? 6) What technological development is needed? 7) what research agenda should be followed? There was discussion of each of these questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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