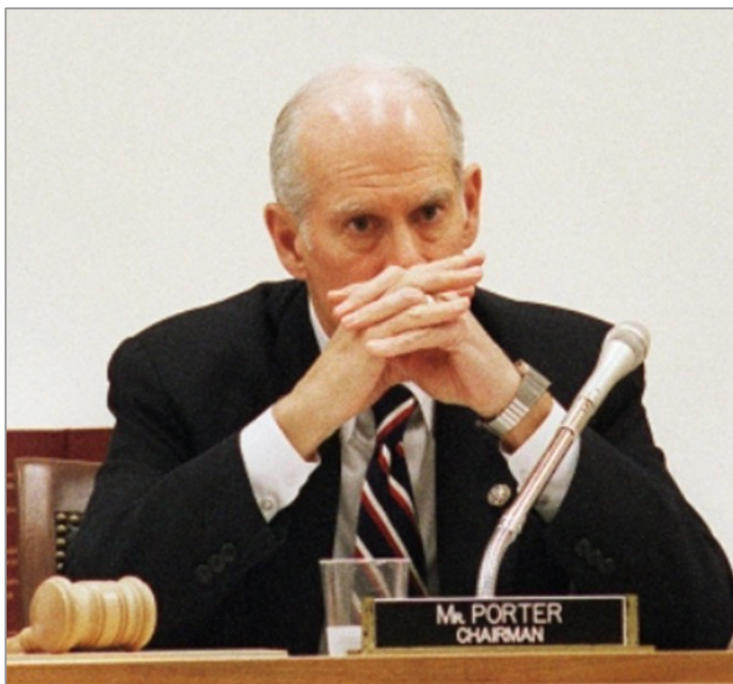


Legislative Update

NCI Council of Research Advocates

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Congress remembers John E. Porter, appropriator and advocate for NIH

Illinois Republican was a moderate on social programs

Roll Call



John Edward Porter Neuroscience Research Center, NIH Building 35A



“John Porter’s doubling of the NIH budget became a funding priority I sought to emulate during my tenure as Chairman and which I continue to advocate for as ranking member of the panel.”

Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)



“He was a leader and a voice for principled, bipartisan cooperation within our Illinois congressional delegation.”

Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)

HOW NCI RECEIVES ITS FUNDING

NCI receives its funding, or appropriation, from Congress as part of the overall federal budget process.



STEP 1

The White House Office of Management & Budget (OMB) coordinates with federal agencies to formulate the President's Budget, which covers all federal agencies, including the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and National Institutes of Health (NIH), and reflects the President's priorities. The President submits the budget to Congress, which must pass appropriations legislation that funds federal agencies.



STEP 2

The Congressional appropriations committees consider the President's Budget as they prepare appropriations legislation for the next fiscal year.



STEP 3

The appropriations committees finalize their legislative proposals, and the House and Senate consider the proposed legislation. Once passed and reconciled into a unified bill, Congress sends the legislation to the President.



STEP 4

The President signs the appropriations bill into law, making funds available to executive agencies, including NCI and NIH.

NCI Professional Judgment Authority

The National Cancer Act of 1971 gives the NCI Director special authority to submit an annual professional judgment budget directly to the President for review and delivery to Congress. This budget reflects NCI cancer research priorities and identifies areas of potential investment in cancer research.

Congressional Interest in Hearing from Cancer Researchers



May 2022: ACS CEO **Dr. Karen Knudsen** invited to House Appropriations FY23 Public Witness Hearing



May 2021: AACR President **Dr. David Tuveson** invited to House Appropriations FY22 Public Witness Hearing

March 2022: **Dr. Ruben Mesa**, AACI Board Member, invited by the House Energy & Commerce Committee to testify about diversity in clinical trials



BUDGET OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2023

THE NIH DIRECTOR

April 7, 2022

Insights on the Federal Budget Process and What it Means for NIH Research

“It is important to note that in instances in which spending levels in the President’s Budget for FY2023 are below the appropriations enacted for FY2022, the difference can be explained by the size of the later congressional increase, not the administration’s intent to reduce the funding of NIH ICs.”

FY2022 vs. FY2023
(3/15/22) (3/28/22 and 6/23/22)

FY2022 *Enacted*:

NIH: +\$3.24 B (+7.6%)*

NCI : +\$353M (+5.4%)

FY2023 *PB Proposed*:

NIH: +\$16.1 B (+35.3%)**

NCI: -\$199M (-2.9%)

FY2023 House L-HHS *Proposed*:

NIH: +2.5B (+5.6%)***

NCI: +\$466M (+6.7%)

*Includes \$1B for ARPA-H, transferred to NIH 4/15/22

**Includes \$5B proposed for ARPA-H and \$12B for pandemic preparedness

***Does NOT include ARPA-H (the bill would place those funds within HHS) and does NOT include pandemic preparedness funds (they were proposed in the PB as mandatory funds)

Congress has a long list of legislative priorities

- Expiring Authorizations (“**must pass**”):
 - **FDA User Fees Reauthorization – expires 9/30/22**
 - SBIR/STTR – expires 9/30/22
 - National Defense Authorization Act (annual)

- Other Priorities (**possible action**):
 - American Competitiveness Legislation (in conference)
 - **ARPA-H Authorization (passed in the House, not yet in the Senate)**
 - Pandemic Preparedness
 - Build Back Better
 - COVID Funding

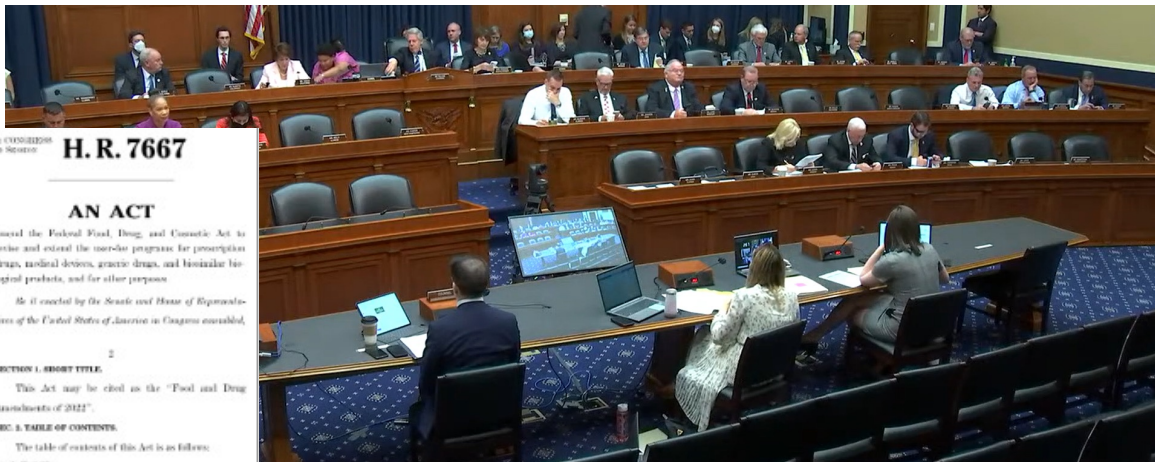
Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)



- FY2022 Omnibus appropriated \$1 B, FY2023 Budget Requests \$4 B
 - House L-HHS proposal \$2.75B; House authorizing proposal: \$500 M per year
- HHS Secretary Becerra transferred FY2022 funding to NIH
- Authorizing legislation pending
 - House: Cures 2.0 (DeGette/Upton), **ARPH-H Act (Eshoo – passed in the House on 6/22)**
 - Senate: ARPA-H Act (Murray/Burr)
- Issues Remain – Structure, leadership, location, hiring authorities



FDA User Fees Reauthorization (FY23-27)

- House – the Food and Drug Amendments of 2022 (Eshoo/Guthrie/Pallone/McMorris Rodgers) **passed in the House on 6/8**
 - Provisions to Improve Diversity in Clinical Trials
 - Give Kids a Chance Act
- Senate – the HELP Committee approved the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Landmark Advancements (FDASLA) Act (Murray/Burr) on 6/14
- Differences need to be resolved by Congress before the President receives a bill to consider




Dr. Doug Lowy 
 @NCIDirector

Thank you Dr. Brigitte Widemann, Chief of [@NCI_CCR_PedOnc](#), and Special Advisor for [#ChildhoodCancer](#), for joining researchers and families affected by childhood [#BrainTumors](#) to commemorate [#DIPG](#) Awareness Day and discuss [@theNCI](#)-supported clinical trials and other initiatives.


NCI CCR Pediatric Oncology Branch [@NCI_CCR_PedOnc](#) · May 17

Our Chief, Dr. Brigitte Widemann, shared updates on [#DIPG](#) and other pediatric brain tumor research this morning with congressional colleagues and advocates at a briefing sponsored by the DIPG Advocacy Group and [@JacksAngels1](#). [#childhoodcancer](#) [#btsm](#)



Recent Congressional Briefings

- **Dr. Brigitte Widemann**, *Special Advisor to the Director for Childhood Cancer and Chief of the NCI CCR Pediatric Oncology Branch*
 - DIPG Awareness Day Hybrid Congressional Briefing, May 17, 2022
- **Dr. Amy LeBlanc**, *Director of NCI CCR's Comparative Oncology Program*
 - Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)/American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) Virtual Briefing on Animal Research, March 16, 2022


NCICompOnc  [@NCICompOnc](#) · Mar 10

How pet cancer data sheds light on human cancers – and speeds the development of new treatments [theconversation.com/how-pet-cancer...](#) via [@ConversationUS](#)



Both chambers in session

Senate only in session

House committee work only / Senate in session

June

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19 Juneteenth	20 Juneteenth (observed)	21	22	23	24	25
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July

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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October

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Questions?

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