

2018 Federal Agenda

Major Campaigns

- **Appropriations for Cancer Research & Prevention** – Support substantial funding increases for research at the NIH and NCI and prevention at the CDC, including B&C and colorectal funding. Protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund.
- **Access to Care (private health insurance (ACA), Medicare and Medicaid)** - Support development and enactment of legislation and regulations which continues the protections for cancer patients and survivors that guarantee access to adequate and affordable health insurance coverage, and cancer prevention screening and services. Preserve access to quality, affordable, and comprehensive coverage for the most vulnerable seniors and low-income cancer patients, survivors, and those at risk of cancer.
- **Patient and Survivor Quality of Life** – Support House and Senate passage of Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA), legislation to facilitate access to palliative care and coordinated care management for cancer patients and survivors.
- **Cancer Prevention and Early Detection – 80 Percent Colorectal Cancer Screening Rate**– Support the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act (RBCCSA) to remove Medicare patient cost-sharing requirements for colonoscopy with polyp removal. Support regulatory changes to provide coverage for the colorectal cancer screening continuum, including follow-up colonoscopy.
- **Ending Death from Cervical Cancer Worldwide** - Direct global health appropriations to prioritize cervical cancer prevention, screening and treatment in low and middle-income countries.

Emerging Campaigns & Other Federal Legislative Priorities

- **Childhood Cancer STAR Act** – Support the Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access and Research (STAR) Act, which advances pediatric cancer research and increases transparency and expertise for pediatric cancer research at the NIH.
- **Tobacco Control** – Support advancement of tobacco regulation at the FDA and maintain FDA’s statutory authority over all tobacco products, including cigars and electronic cigarettes, and support and maintain the funding of the CDC Office on Smoking and Health tobacco prevention and cessation activities.
- **FQHCs** – Support yearly funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in the appropriations process and work to ensure that mandatory FQHC funding under ACA is continued.
- **LDTs** – Support assertion of FDA authority over laboratory developed tests (LDTs).
- **Oral Chemo Parity** – Support legislation to provide coverage for oral chemotherapy drugs with the same out of pocket cost sharing as chemotherapy drugs administered intravenously (IV) by a physician.
- **Patient Access to Opioid Medications** – Continue to advocate for balanced policies that address the misuse/abuse of opioid medications without simultaneously creating access barriers to pain management for patients for whom opioids are medically indicated and who benefit from such treatment.
- **Disparities** – Support initiatives in research, prevention, and provision of patient services to reduce disparities in cancer incidence and mortality.
- **Healthy Eating and Active Living** – Support implementation of quality nutrition standards for food served in schools and menu labeling standards to combat obesity.
- **Skin Cancer** – Reduce skin cancer through better control and use of indoor tanning devices.