



The **Association of American Cancer Institutes** (AACI) represents more than 100 academic and freestanding cancer centers in the United States and Canada, including the 73 U.S. cancer centers designated by the **National Cancer Institute** (NCI).

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Programs & Education

Navigating the oncology ecosystem

CLINICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION

Promoting the efficient and effective operation of cancer clinical research offices

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Providing a forum to develop best practices for clinical and quality care programs

CELLULAR THERAPY

Making cellular therapies more accessible for patients

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Advocating for legislation that supports cancer research and patient care

LISTSERVS

Providing a forum for discussions on specific roles and topics

WEBINARS

Educating physician clinical leaders, data scientists, and other AACI members

PUBLICATIONS

Sharing news and thought leadership from AACI cancer centers

Meetings & Events

Connecting with colleagues

2025 AACI/AACR HILL DAY

May 22, Washington, DC

17TH ANNUAL AACI CRI MEETING

June 23-25, Rosemont, IL

2025 AACI/CCAF ANNUAL MEETING

October 19-21, Washington, DC

AACI CATCHMENT AREA DATA EXCELLENCE (CADEx) CONFERENCE

March 2026, Atlanta, GA

All AACI cancer centers rely on stable and predictable federal investments from the NCI and the **National Institutes of Health** (NIH). AACI advocates on behalf of these institutions to accelerate progress against cancer and enable people with cancer to live longer, healthier lives.

NCI-supported research and clinical trials have led to a **34% decrease in deaths from cancer** the past 30 years in the United States – **over 4 million lives saved.**

Recent **data from United for Medical Research** show that **every dollar invested in NIH research funding generates \$2.56** in local economic activity.

99.4 percent of drugs or products approved by the FDA between 2010 and 2019 were a result of **NIH-funded research.**

AACI Cancer Centers

Better together

The AACI membership network is comprised of over 100 academic cancer centers in the U.S. **AACI cancer centers are at the forefront of efforts to translate promising research findings into new interventions to prevent and treat cancer.** These cancer centers serve their communities through clinical trials, outreach and education, and job creation. More than two-thirds of AACI members are also designated by the NCI.

NCI: THE BACKBONE OF AMERICAN CANCER RESEARCH

Before 1971 there was no national program to confront cancer– the National Cancer Act changed that with the establishment of the NCI and its Cancer Centers Program. NCI-Designated Cancer Centers form the backbone of the nation’s cancer research program. **At any given time, hundreds of research studies are underway at these cancer centers**, ranging from basic laboratory research to clinical assessments of new treatments.

DECADES OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

For over 50 years, NCI-Designated Cancer Centers have been essential to key developments in cancer therapies, including:

- The development of the first chemotherapy treatments
- The evolution of bone marrow transplants in the U.S.
- The discovery that cancers result from the sequential mutations of oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes

A SOUND INVESTMENT

Cuts to federal funding for the NIH and NCI would be devastating to the future of cancer research – and to the patients whose lives may depend on the next research breakthrough.

Stable and predictable federal investments in cancer research pay dividends in economic prosperity, increased survivorship, and improved quality of life.

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