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# The Association of American Cancer Institutes Launches Public Policy Resource Library

The Association of American Cancer Institutes is excited to announce the launch of a curated online collection of cancer advocacy resources. The <u>AACI Public Policy Resource Library</u> went live today during the 2019 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

The resource library is the presidential initiative of **Roy A. Jensen, MD**, AACI president and director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center. AACI's Public Policy Resource Library will enable cancer centers and partners in the cancer advocacy community to share resources—including talking points and legislation enacted across the U.S.—to foster collaboration, promote cancer prevention, and spur the development of sound public health policy at the state and local level.

By providing a platform to share carefully-vetted information on topics including state funding programs for cancer research, AACI aims to improve the lives of Americans through lowered cancer incidence and mortality. In the coming months, volunteer curators—subject matter experts from AACI cancer centers—will add content related to the elimination of cancers caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV) and measures to curb the use of tobacco products and e-cigarettes.

"My goal in establishing the AACI Public Policy Resource Library is to create a one-stop shop of information for AACI members to educate legislators and the cancer center community on the issues vital to decreasing cancer incidence and mortality in their catchment areas. The resource library represents one tool for leveraging cancer centers' collective ability to generate good public policy," Dr. Jensen said. "For a range of issues, cancer centers can push for legislation that leads to a healthier society."

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The <u>Association of American Cancer Institutes</u> (AACI) comprises 98 premier academic and freestanding cancer research centers in the U.S. and Canada. AACI is dedicated to reducing the burden of cancer by enhancing the impact of the leading academic cancer centers.