



Get to Know the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

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Mission of ACS and ACS CAN

The *American Cancer Society's* mission is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer.

ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard.

ACS CAN at a glance...

- The public policy and advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society
- Conducts advocacy campaigns at the local, state, and national levels
- 1 million volunteers organized in 435 Congressional districts
- Approximately 225 staff nationwide
 - Lobbyist in every state capitol
 - Grassroots Manager in every state

ACS CAN Policy Issues

- Increased funding for cancer research
- National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- Access to Care
- Colon Cancer
- Patient Quality of Life
- Reducing and Preventing Tobacco Use

ACS CAN Current Federal Priorities

Research: ACS CAN supports funding for cancer research, prevention and early detection through funding the National Institutes of Health, the National Cancer Institute, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Colorectal Cancer: ACS CAN supports the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act that would eliminate cost sharing for Medicare beneficiaries receiving a screening colonoscopy, even if a polyp is removed.

Quality of Life: ACS CAN supports the Palliative Care Hospice Education And Training Act (PCHETA). H.R. 1676 and S. 693 would facilitate and expand evidence-based palliative care research, create a national palliative care public education and awareness campaign, and establish a workforce training initiative for doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals.

Get Involved



- Join ACS CAN
- Share your story
- Respond to action alerts
- Attend meetings
- Attend events
- Tell your friends



Thank You!

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