

Health Behaviors Research Branch

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Vision

A world in which individuals, families, and communities engage in healthy lifestyle behaviors to prevent cancer, improve treatment outcomes, extend life, and optimize health and well-being.

Mission

To support and catalyze research on the discovery, development, testing, and implementation of effective strategies to promote healthy lifestyle behaviors for cancer prevention and control.

Purpose

The Branch aims to support research at multiple levels of analysis to improve cancer-related health behaviors and risk factors.

Levels of Analysis

Biological/genetic, psychological, behavioral, social, environmental, and policy levels, individually and in combination.

To view HBRB's research priorities, see our Strategic Plan at cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/hbrb/strategy.html.

Cancer-Related Behavioral Risk Factors of Interest



Behavioral genetics



Energy balance



Alcohol use



Diet



Obesity



Sleep and circadian dysfunction



Physical activity and sedentary behavior



Sun safety and tanning



Adherence to cancer-related medical and behavioral regimens

Initiatives and Resources

Family Life, Activity, Sun, Health, and Eating (FLASHE) Study

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This study collected data on psychosocial, generational (parent-adolescent), and environmental correlates of cancer-preventive behaviors.

Trans-NIH Consortium: Randomized Controlled Trials of Lifestyle Weight Loss Interventions for Genome-Wide Association Studies

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The goal is to develop precision medicine approaches to improve treatment response to behavioral weight loss interventions through the integration of new genetic discoveries.

Classification of Laws Associated with School Students (CLASS)

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This project uses two policy classification systems to score state-level codified laws for physical education and nutrition in schools.

Trans-NCI Obesity & Cancer Working Group

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The working group identifies questions, needs, gaps, and priorities in areas related to obesity and cancer. It promotes the exchange of information and cross-cutting interests in obesity and cancer research by developing meetings, workshops, webinars, and scientific manuscripts.

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Selected Funding Opportunities

Title	Contact	Expires
Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation PAR-21-305 (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)	David Berrigan david.berrigan@nih.gov	September 11, 2024
Mechanisms and Consequences of Sleep Disparities in the U.S. PAR-20-164 (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)	Kara Hall kara.hall@nih.gov	July 15, 2022
Stimulating Innovations in Behavioral Intervention Research for Cancer Prevention and Control PAR-19-309 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)	Tanya Agurs-Collins tanya.agurs-collins@nih.gov	September 8, 2022
Cancer Prevention and Control Clinical Trials Grant Program PAR-21-035 (R01 Clinical Trial Required)	Susan Czajkowski susan.czajkowski@nih.gov	January 8, 2024
Developing and Testing Multilevel Physical Activity Interventions NOT-OD-21-087	Frank Perna frank.perna@nih.gov	February 16, 2024

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