



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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**NATIONAL PROGRAM OF CANCER
REGISTRIES FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS
FACT SHEET
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION**

FY 2015	President's 2016 Budget	FY 2017 Suggested
\$49,440,000	\$49,440,000	\$65,000,000

Cancer kills more Americans under age 85 than does heart disease. One of every four deaths in the U.S. is from cancer, costing over \$220 billion in annual medical expenses. Cancer surveillance, an indispensable tool, enables public health professionals to track and respond to the cancer burden at the local, state and national levels.

The Need for Greater Resources

Additional funding is needed to support states and territories to enhance the overall quality and completeness of registry data, to improve their ability to use registry data to report on cancer trends and monitor program impact, and to respond to public inquiries and concerns regarding cancer occurrence. With these additional resources, CDC would increase support to state registries to: improve capacity for using cancer data to develop and evaluate interventions; conduct special data linkages; improve speed of reporting; increase the scope of data collected, including more detailed treatment data; and increase the use of electronic health records (EHRs). Enhanced use of EHRs will improve the timeliness, completeness and quality of cancer data reported from non-hospital facilities and increase public health programs' ability to plan and target health care interventions designed to reduce cancer incidence or improve early detection.

CDC National Program of Cancer Registries

The National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) is the backbone of CDC's cancer prevention and control programs. State-based cancer registries are data systems designed to gather, manage and analyze data about incidence, stage at diagnosis and treatment. This information is used to: guide planning and evaluation of cancer control programs; help allocate health resources; contribute to clinical, epidemiologic and health services research; and respond to citizen concerns over the presence of cancer in their communities.

The CDC's NPCR currently supports 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island Nations. CDC and the National Cancer Institute jointly produce official federal cancer statistics annually in the *U.S. Cancer Statistics: Incidence and Mortality* report. Complete and accurate data strengthens local cancer programs, provides understanding of national trends, cancer burden in special populations, and regional variations in cancer, and provides new insights into rare childhood cancers, brain tumors and others. Through the NPCR, CDC collected detailed information on over 1,660,000 new cancer cases in 2014. CDC is a leader in the promotion and implementation of innovative approaches to automated electronic reporting in public health surveillance. NPCR has coordinated implementation of standardized electronic pathology reporting from 23 national/regional laboratories to more than 42 central cancer registries. Additionally, NPCR was successful in obtaining cancer reporting as a menu option in Stage 2 Meaningful Use and over 40 states are ready to receive the cancer reports with over 16 states currently testing files received from physician offices.

***For more information visit, <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr>**

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