

Each year, as mandated by the National Cancer Act of 1971 (Public Law 92-218), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) prepares a plan and budget proposal outlining the nation's investment in research accomplishments and opportunities to decrease the burden of cancer. Although a document this size can convey only a cross-section of the National Cancer Program, it covers broad trends, concrete strategies, and examples of specific projects to provide vital support for the most promising research progress and its translation to people's health.

Congress mandated that NCI "prepare and submit, directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress, an annual budget estimate for the National Cancer Program". Because its content is relevant to all whose lives are affected by cancer, as well as to others whose health or illness is impacted by NCI's biomedical discoveries and groundbreaking tools, this document is also valuable to many other groups. Its audiences include: the research community; healthcare professionals and their organizations; advisory groups; information, education, and advocacy organizations; policy makers in both public agencies and private industry; and concerned citizens across the country.



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