

**AMENDED CHARTER
NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANEL**

AUTHORITY

42 U.S.C. 284 (c)(3), section 405(c)(3) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, (5 U.S.C. app.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION

Members and Chairs will be selected on an "as needed" basis in response to specific applications, proposals, or proposed solicitations to be reviewed. Members and Chairs will be selected from outstanding authorities in the various fields of biomedical research. All non-Federal members serve as NIH Consultants.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

The SEP provides concept review of proposed contract or grant solicitations and reviews grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals for research projects and for research and training activities in the broad areas of basic and clinical cancer sciences, and applied research and development programs of special relevance to NCI. The preclinical and clinical discovery and development program Panels, managed by the Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis (DCTD), also evaluates proposals for support to make available to the research community, on a competitive basis, contract resources for the preclinical development of drugs, biologics, clinical assays, and other developmental programs that would ultimately benefit the advancement of clinical studies.

ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the SEP will be held as necessary.