



# ACS & ACS CAN Working to Meet Cancer Moonshot Goals



As part of his renewed Cancer Moonshot initiative, President Biden has set the goal of reducing cancer deaths by 50% by 2050. ACS and ACS CAN are committed to helping achieve that goal by tackling cancer at every angle.

**Research** will help find better treatments and cures, taking into account the challenges of delivering sometimes complex therapies to every community.

**ACS** has funded \$3.1 billion in cancer research since 1991, is the largest non-profit funder of cancer research behind the federal government and is the only public health non-profit with an intramural research program.



ACS has funded **49 researchers** who have gone on to win Nobel Prizes for their research.

**ACS CAN** leads the cancer advocacy community in advocating for robust federal funding for cancer research at the National Cancer Institute.

**Access** to care is critical to saving lives as the most effective and advanced medicines in the world will not reduce cancer deaths if they are not delivered to everyone.



**28 million** people in the U.S. were uninsured in 2020.

**ACS** in 2021 helped 91,614 individuals access care through our Road to Recovery transportation program and our 31 Hope Lodges provide housing during treatment.

**ACS CAN** is advocating for Medicaid expansion in states that have not yet done so and was instrumental in successful ballot campaigns in Oklahoma and Missouri.

**Prevention & Screening** approaches could save tens of thousands of lives every year if implemented equitably across the U.S.

**ACS** is coordinating a multi-sector, national response to the COVID-19 pandemic's detrimental impact on the cancer screening rate and launched the comprehensive Get Screened Initiative to increase screening. By partnering with health systems and state-based coalitions, leading a national consortium, creating and implementing a public awareness campaign, and focusing research and policy efforts, we have mobilized the cancer community on both local and national levels.



ACS researchers estimate that **more than 40%** of cancers are potentially avoidable.

**ACS CAN** advocates for evidence-based policies to reduce tobacco use such as, regular and significant tax increases on all tobacco products, funding of the CDC's Office of Smoking and Health initiatives, and FDA regulation of tobacco, including enforcement of premarket review authority and the prohibition of flavors in all tobacco products.

**Health Equity** means all people should have a fair and just opportunity to live a longer, healthier life free from cancer regardless of how much money they make, the color of their skin, their sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status, or where they live.



Individuals with family incomes less than \$50,000 per year are **nearly 30% less likely** to enroll in a cancer clinical trial

**ACS** is funding the development of 104 new research careers at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and establishing four health equity research centers at minority serving institutions.

**ACS CAN** is advocating for the DIVERSE Trials Act (H.R. 5030/S. 2706) which would bring clinical trial participation within reach to more people by reducing financial and travel burdens.

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