Health Behaviors Research Branch (HBRB)
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About HBRB

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

Organizational Structure
- NCI: National Cancer Institute
- DCCPS: Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences
- BRP: Behavioral Research Program
- HBRB: Health Behaviors Research Branch
Initiatives and Resources

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

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**

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)**

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

**NCI Obesity & Cancer Trans-Divisional Working Group**

The goal is to identify questions, needs, gaps, and priorities in areas related to obesity and cancer. The working group hosts a webinar series on timely topics relevant to obesity and cancer.

Selected Funding Opportunities

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<td>David Berrigan (<a href="mailto:david.berrigan@nih.gov">david.berrigan@nih.gov</a>)</td>
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<td>Mechanisms and Consequences of Sleep Disparities in the U.S. (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)</td>
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<td>Stimulating Innovations in Behavioral Intervention Research for Cancer Prevention and Control (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)</td>
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<td>Cancer Prevention and Control Clinical Trials Grant Program (R01 Clinical Trial Required)</td>
<td>Susan Czajkowski (<a href="mailto:susan.czajkowski@nih.gov">susan.czajkowski@nih.gov</a>)</td>
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