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.

Organizational Structure

NCI
National Cancer Institute

DCCPS
Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences

BRP
Behavioral Research Program

HBRB
Health Behaviors Research Branch

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

- Behavior 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
Funding Opportunities

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A complete list of BRP funding opportunities can be found at cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brpfunding. Sample grant applications are available at cancercontrol.cancer.gov/samplegrants. Learn about our HBRB-funded grantees at cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brpgrantees.

Initiatives and Resources

Family Life, Activity, Sun, Health, and Eating (FLASHE) Study cancercontrol.cancer.gov/flashe

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 cancercontrol.cancer.gov/behavioralgenetics

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) class.cancer.gov

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

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