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Education

	<i>Year</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Major</i>
Princeton University	1985	PhD	Psychology (Social)
Princeton University	1981	MA	Psychology
University of Washington	1978	BA	Psychology

Description of Current Position

As Director, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS), at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Dr. Croyle serves on the NCI leadership group and leads a half-billion-dollar program of extramural research, contracts, interagency agreements, and in-house research. He also represents NCI in a wide variety of science, public health and policy contexts within and outside the federal government. The division includes 16 branches organized into large programs in cancer surveillance and statistics, epidemiology and genomics, social and behavioral science, health services and outcomes, implementation science, and cancer survivorship research. Among the signature initiatives that have been led and supported by the division are the Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Centers, the Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities, the Affective and Decisional Processes Initiative, the Transdisciplinary Research on Energetics and Cancer Centers, the Social Media in Substance Use and Addiction initiative, the Centers of Excellence in Cancer Communication Research, the HMO Cancer Research Network, the Breast and Colon Cancer Family Registries, the Breast Cancer and the Environment Research Program, the International Cohorts Consortium, the Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network, the State and Community Tobacco Control Initiative, the Geospatial Sciences Initiative, the Rural Cancer Control Initiative, and the Science of Team Science Initiative. The division has extensive collaborations with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the National Science Foundation, the Food and Drug Administration, several NIH institutes, and many private organizations, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

Previous Positions Held

2002-2003 Acting Director, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, NCI
1998-2002 Associate Director for Behavioral Research, DCCPS, NCI
1998-99 Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Utah
1991-98 Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Utah
1994-98 Member, Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah
1994-98 Faculty Member, Genetic Science in Society (GENESIS) Program, University of Utah
1994-98 Faculty Member, Honors Program, University of Utah
1989-91 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Utah
1987-89 Visiting Investigator, Cancer Prevention Research Program, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
1987-89 Research Associate & Lecturer, Department of Psychology, University of Washington
1986-87 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Washington
1983-86 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Williams College

Administrative Positions Held

1995-98 Director, Behavioral Medicine Training Program, University of Utah
1995-98 Huntsman Cancer Institute Steering Committee for High Risk Cancer Clinics
1994-95 Chair, Department of Psychology Executive Committee
1994 Acting Chair, Department of Psychology, University of Utah
1992-95 Head, Social Psychology Graduate Program, Dept. of Psychology, University of Utah

Honors & Awards

NIH Director's Award, 2015
American Society of Preventive Oncology Distinguished Achievement Award, 2014
NIH Office of the Director Honor Award, 2013
American Psychological Association Presidential Citation Award, 2012
American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award, 2009
APA Nathan Perry Career Service to Health Psychology Award, 2009
NIH Merit Award, 2008
Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA), 2008
Society of Personality and Social Psychology Service Award, 2003
APA Meritorious Research Service Citation, 2002
NIH Merit Award, 2002
Society of Behavioral Medicine Distinguished Service Award, 2001
NIH Director's Award, 2000
Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, 2000
NIH Merit Award, 1999
Oncology Nursing Society/Schering Excellence in Nursing Research Award, 1999
Member, Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research, 1998
University of Utah College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Superior Research Award, 1997
University of Utah Faculty Fellow Award, 1995
American Society of Trial Consultants Research Award, 1987
Sigma Xi, 1983
Princeton University Graduate Fellowship, 1979
Phi Beta Kappa, 1978

Baccalaureate Degree With Distinction, 1978

University of Washington Edwin Guthrie Prize in Psychology for Best Undergraduate Paper, 1977

NIH Service

NIH Outcomes and Effectiveness Research Interest Group

NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Strategic Planning Working Group

HHS Tobacco Control Steering Committee

NIH Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network (OppNet) Steering Committee

Search Committee for Director, NIA Division of Behavioral and Social Research

Chair, NCI Search Committee for Director, Office of Cancer Centers

NIH Search Committee for Director, NIAAA

Co-Chair, FDA/NIH Tobacco Regulatory Science Initiative

Chair, NCI Search Committee for Associate Director for Prevention

Chair, NCI Search Committee for Director for the Division of Cancer Prevention

Chair, NCI Search Committee for Director for the Office of Science Planning and Assessment

Search Committee for Director of the NIH Office of Disease Prevention

NCI Search Committee for Executive Officer

NCI Search Committee for Director of NCI Center for Global Health

Member, NCI Scientific Program Leaders Group

Member, NCI Executive Committee (EC)

NIH Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Coordinating Committee

NIH liaison to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS)

NIH liaison to FDA and the HHS Office of the Secretary on issues related to the FDA
legislative authority to regulate tobacco products

NIH OBSSR Director Search Committee

Chair, NIEHS Search Committee for Director, Division of Extramural Research and Training

Co-chair, NIH Community Engagement in Research Implementation (CERI) Working Group

NIH Evaluation Oversight Committee

NIH OPASI (Roadmap) Working Group

NCI Human Resources Study Committee

Center for Scientific Review Division of AIDS, Behavioral and Population Sciences Director
Search Committee

NIH Ex Officio Member, FDA Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee

NIH representative, inter-agency HHS National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy
Working Group

Search Committee for the National Library of Medicine's Associate Director for Health
Information Programs Development

Chair, NCI EC Subcommittee on Science Planning and Assessment

Chair, NCI EC Subcommittee on Communications

NCI EC Subcommittee on International Activities

Editorial Boards

Associate Editor, Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, 1999-2000

Consulting Editor, British Journal of Health Psychology, 1995 - 1998

Consulting Editor, Health Psychology, 1994 - 1995, 1997

Memberships

Behavioral Science & Policy Association; Association for Psychological Science; Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research; American Society of Preventive Oncology; Society of Behavioral Medicine (Fellow); American Psychological Association (Fellow); Divisions 8 (Personality & Social Psychology) and 38 (Health Psychology); Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco; Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

Research Interests

Cancer Prevention & Control Rural cancer control and disparities; genetic testing for cancer susceptibility; impact of screening; cancer risk perception; coping with cancer and cancer treatment

Health Psychology Biases in health beliefs and judgments; risk and health threat appraisal, symptom reporting; illness behavior; health-related memory; survey methods

Program of Research

My basic behavioral science research program has utilized the methods of laboratory-based experimental social psychology to examine how individuals appraise and react to health threats. My collaborators and I developed the first experimental paradigm to study psychological responses to medical diagnosis (Croyle & Ditto, 1990). This paradigm has been used in several studies to investigate the social and cognitive processes underlying the interpretation of and responses to health threat. I am particularly interested in how self-enhancement motives (e.g. denial and defensiveness) and problem-focused coping combine to mediate health behavior.

My applied research concerned the psychological and behavioral impact of risk factor and screening tests, including genetic testing for cancer susceptibility (e.g. mutations in the BRCA1 gene). In collaboration with several investigators, I have conducted cross-sectional and prospective research that examines how high-risk individuals and families perceive cancer risk and respond to risk information. In addition, this work also has examined how long-term memory for and adherence to information provided in screening settings are influenced by social and individual factors. My work also has utilized family-based and population-based surveys of attitudes toward cancer genetic testing.

The overall goal of my research program is to inform both behavioral science theory and medical practice by bridging basic and applied research in health psychology and public health. The cancer prevention and control domain provides an important context within which to test psychological models, and the results of this work can be applied to achieve improvements in preventive oncology and the design and implementation of public health interventions.

Grant Support (University of Utah)

CA70593-01: "Needs Assessment: A High-Risk African-American Family"

National Cancer Institute and the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer

A psychological survey and needs assessment of members of a Louisiana-based kindred linked to a mutation in the BRCA1 breast/ovarian cancer gene.

Robert T. Croyle, P.I.

Length of Support: 9/30/95 - 9/29/98

Time/Effort: 15% contributed

Total Award: \$141,020

"Psychological and Behavioral Assessment and Follow-up of High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic Participants"

Huntsman Cancer Institute intramural grant (co-funded by an NCI center grant and the Huntsman Cancer Foundation)

Examines predictors of psychological and behavioral responses to breast/ovarian cancer risk notification and counseling among high-risk women.

Robert T. Croyle, P.I.

Length of Support: 3/1/97 - 6/30/98

Total Award: \$57,198

NRO457 1: "Post-Radiation Coping Processes: A Randomized Trial"

National Institute for Nursing Research

Compares the efficacy of two theoretically-based interventions for reducing distress and improving adjustment among breast cancer patients completing radiation treatment.

Lillian Nail, P.I.

Time/Effort: 15%

Length of Support: 3/1/98 - 2/28/01

Total Award: \$1,049,760

CA63681-01: "Behavioral and Psychosocial Effects of BRCA1 Testing"

National Cancer Institute

A comprehensive prospective examination of the impact of genetic testing for breast and ovarian cancer susceptibility on the psychological adjustment and health behavior of test participants, their spouses and their families.

Jeffrey Botkin, P.I.

Length of Support: 4/1/94-3/31/98

Time/Effort: 20%

Annual Direct Costs: \$340,528

"Rocky Mountain Cancer Genetics Consortium"

National Cancer Institute

Enrolls a large study population of individuals from Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico with family histories of breast, prostate, or colorectal cancer into a cancer genetics research registry.

Raymond White, P.I.

Time/Effort: 5% as Consortium Behavioral Sciences Director

Length of Support: 03/01/98 - 02/28/03

Total Award Requested: \$4,605,989

CA70610-01: "A Model: Peer Education for Genetics and Breast Cancer"

National Cancer Institute and the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer

Tests whether a peer education model can successfully educate women with breast cancer about genetic risk factors.

Vickie L. Venne, P.I.

Length of Support: 9/30/95 - 9/29/98

Time/Effort: 15% contributed

Total Award for One Year: \$49,539

"Intensive Course for Genetic Counselors & Oncology Nurses"

National Cancer Institute

CCSG P30 Supplement Initiative for Support of Heritable Cancer Genetics Research

Supported the planning, design, implementation and evaluation of a model intensive cancer genetics training course for genetic counselors and oncology nurses in the Rocky Mountain Region.

Raymond L. White, P.I. of Center Grant; R. Croyle, V. Venne, and K. Mooney, project leaders.

Time/Effort: 5%

Length of Support: 9/1/96 - 8/31/97

Total Award: \$75,607

"Describing Experiences Following Radiation Treatment"

Oncology Nursing Society Foundation

An observational study of side effects and psychological distress among female breast and male prostate cancer patients who have completed radiation therapy.

Lillian M. Nail, P.I.

Length of Support: 6/1/94-5/31/96

Total Award for Two Years: \$ 10,000

"Emotional Expression in Cancer Patients: A Pilot"

Oncology Nursing Society Foundation

A pilot study of two psychological interventions for female breast and male prostate cancer patients who have completed radiation therapy.

B. Lee Walker, P.I.

Length of Support: 6/1/94-5/31/96

Total Award for Two Years: \$9,598

HS06660: "Cognitive Errors Concerning Personal Health"

Agency for Health Care Policy & Research

An applied research project designed to document errors in health-related memory and judgment and to develop means of reducing, these errors within the context of health surveys.

Robert T. Croyle, P.I.

Time/Effort: 25%.

Length of Support: 2/1/91-1/31-95

First Year Direct Costs: \$114,690

Total Award for Three Years: \$526,922

NM43097: "Illness Cognition and Behavior: An Experimental Approach"
National Institute of Mental Health
A basic research project that examined how individuals appraise medical test results and cope with health threat.
Robert T. Croyle, P.I.
Length of Support: 4/1/90-3/31/93
First Year Direct Costs: \$76,767
Total Award for Three Years: \$310,513

ADAMHA: "ASIP University of Utah" Small Instrumentation Grant Program
Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration
Funds supplemental equipment purchases for currently funded ADAMHA grants.
Raymond P. Kesner, P.I.
First Year Direct Costs: \$22,909

S07 RRO7092: "Psychological Effects of Cholesterol Test Results"
National Institutes of Health
Biomedical Research Support Grant, University of Utah.
Length of Support: 11/1/89-6/30/90
Direct Costs: \$ 1,000
Length of Support: 3/1/98 - 2/28/01
Total Award: \$1,049,760

Grants at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (co-investigator)

CA34847-06: "A Stepped Approach to Smoking Reduction at the Worksite"
National Cancer Institute
Program Project Component Grant
P.I.: Beti Thompson
Time/Effort: 30%
Length of Support: 7/1/88-6/30/89

NCI STRI: "Development of Methods for Study of Worksite Smoking Policies"
National Cancer Institute
Short-term Research Initiative
P.I.: Susan Kinney
Time/Effort: 10%
Length of Support: 7/1/88-6/30/89

NCI Program Project Core: "Surveillance and Investigation Section"
Program Project Shared Resource: The Cancer Behavioral Risk Factor Survey
P.I.: Emily White
Time/Effort: 10%
Length of Support: 7/1/88-6/30/89

CA45931-01: "Test of a Telephone Intervention for Blue Collar Smokers"
National Cancer Institute
P.I.: Maureen Henderson
Time/Effort: 20%
Length of Support: 10/1/87-9/30/90

Publications: Journal Articles (Peer reviewed) and Book Chapters

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