Office of Cancer Survivorship (OCS)
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Dedicated to Enhancing the Length and Quality of Life of Cancer Survivors

The Office of Cancer Survivorship (OCS) was created in 1996 to promote a better understanding of the unique needs of the growing population of cancer survivors and to enhance our ability to address those needs. OCS is part of NCI's Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, but the office also leads survivorship collaborations with other parts of NCI, other institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and agencies outside NIH, like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At NCI alone, there are numerous researchers and clinicians who are experts in various areas of cancer survivorship.

OCS works to improve the quality and length of survival of all persons diagnosed with cancer, to better understand the effects of cancer and its treatment, and to identify methods to prevent and mitigate adverse outcomes. The office supports research that both examines and addresses the long- and short-term physical, psychological, social, and economic effects of cancer and its treatment among all cancer survivors and their families.

Cancer survivorship research is accomplished through

- a variety of funding mechanisms, including through targeted funding opportunities and investigator-initiated applications to support grants (e.g., R01, R21, R03)
- strategic planning with researchers, health professionals, advocacy organizations, and the public to build common research agendas
- collaborations within NCI and with other organizations to understand survivors’ needs for education, communication, and quality healthcare

Cancer Survivorship Figures

- As of January 2022, it is estimated that there are 18.1 million cancer survivors in the United States, representing approximately 5% of the population.
- The number of cancer survivors in the United States is projected to increase to 24.4 million by 2032 and to 26 million by 2040.
- In 2022, 69% of survivors have lived 5 or more years since diagnosis; 47% have lived 10 or more years since diagnosis; and 18% have lived 20 or more years since diagnosis.
- Sixty-seven percent of survivors are currently 65 years of age or older, and it is estimated that by 2040, 74% of cancer survivors in the United States will be 65 years or older.

Funding Opportunities

Information about survivorship funding opportunities can be found at [cancercontrol.cancer.gov/funding_apply.html](http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/funding_apply.html). Some current research funding opportunities include:

- Research to Understand and Address the Survivorship Needs of Individuals Living with Advanced Cancer (RFA-CA-22-027)
- Tailoring Follow-up Care for Survivors Using Risk-Stratified Pathways (NOT-CA-21-019)
- Addressing Cancer-Related Financial Hardship to Improve Patient Outcomes (NOT-CA-22-045)
- Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Disparities Affecting Healthcare Utilization and Health Outcomes Among Childhood Cancer Survivors (NOT-CA-22-029)

More Information

You can learn more about the Office of Cancer Survivorship on our website, [survivorship.cancer.gov](http://survivorship.cancer.gov), find us on Twitter at @NCICancerSurv, or sign up for our listserv by going to [cancercontrol.cancer.gov/ocs/e-newsletter/subscribe](http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/ocs/e-newsletter/subscribe). Questions can be sent to the office at NCIOCSInquiries@nih.gov. Additional resources to address questions regarding diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship issues include:

- NCI Cancer Information Service
  1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)
  TTY 1-800-332-8615

- NCI Online
  [cancer.gov](http://cancer.gov)

References
