

BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

Behavioral Research Program (BRP)

ABOUT BRP

BRP initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research to address key psychological and behavioral targets across the cancer control continuum. Priorities include basic behavioral and psychological science, interventions in cancer control areas such as tobacco use, diet, physical activity, alcohol consumption, and sun protection, and processes and effects of communication and informatics.

SELECTED NOTICES OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Title	Contact	Expires
Tobacco Regulatory Science RFA-OD-23-017 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)	Rachel Grana Mayne rachel.mayne@nih.gov	May 5, 2025
Risk and Protective Factors of Family Health and Family Level Interventions PAR-21-358 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)	Rebecca Ferrer rebecca.ferrer@nih.gov	May 8, 2025
Leveraging Health Information Technology (Health IT) to Address and Reduce Health Care Disparities PAR-22-145 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)	Heather D'Angelo heather.dangelo@nih.gov	May 8, 2025
Pragmatic Trials across the Cancer Control Continuum PAR-22-256 (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Required)	Frank Perna pernafm@mail.nih.gov	Nov 18, 2025
Impacts of Climate Change across the Cancer Control Continuum PAR-23-152 (R21 Clinical Trial Optional), PAR-23-153 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)	Kara Hall hallka@mail.nih.gov	May 6, 2026
Population Approaches to Reducing Alcohol-related Cancer Risk PAR-23-244 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)	David Berrigan berrigad@mail.nih.gov Heather D'Angelo heather.dangelo@nih.gov	Jan 8, 2027
Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment or Prevention (SBIRT/P) for Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Use and Misuse in Adult Populations That Experience Health Disparities PAR-23-270 (R01 Clinical Trial Required)	Joseph Ciccolo joseph.ciccolo@nih.gov	May 8, 2027
Understanding Expectancies in Cancer Symptom Management PAR-23-273 (R01 Clinical Trial Required)	Rebecca Ferrer rebecca.ferrer@nih.gov	May 8, 2026
Improving Care and Outcomes for Cancer Survivors from Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations PAR-23-292 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)	Chipper Dean chipper.dean@nih.gov	Jan 8, 2027
Health and Health Care Disparities Among Persons Living with Disabilities PAR-23-309 (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)	Wendy Nelson nelsonw@mail.nih.gov	Nov 6, 2026
Research to Address Vaccine Uptake and Implementation among Populations Experiencing Health Disparities NOT-MD-23-008	Robin Vanderpool robin.vanderpool@nih.gov	June 6, 2026
Assessing Real-World Effectiveness and Implementation of Telehealth-Guided Provider-to-Provider Communication among Rural Communities NOT-HL-23-083	Robin Vanderpool robin.vanderpool@nih.gov	Oct 10, 2026
National Cancer Institute Supports Applications for the Mentored Research Scientist Development Awards (K01) Within the Mission of the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences NOT-CA-24-022	April Oh april.oh@nih.gov	May 9, 2029
Developing and Testing Multi-level Physical Activity Interventions to Improve Health and Well-Being NOT-OD-24-058	Frank Perna pernafm@mail.nih.gov	Nov 14, 2027

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The **Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences Branch (BBPSB)** supports research fundamental to understanding human behaviors, social context, decision-making, and clinical practices across the cancer control continuum.



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The **Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB)** advances research on the processes and effects of communication and informatics across the cancer control continuum.



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The **Health Behaviors Research Branch (HBRB)** supports and catalyzes research on the discovery, development, testing, and implementation of effective strategies to promote healthy lifestyle behaviors for cancer prevention and control.



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The **Tobacco Control Research Branch (TCRB)** leads and collaborates on research and disseminates evidence-based findings to prevent, treat, and control tobacco use.

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TOOLS AND RESOURCES

- [Classification of Laws Associated with School Students \(CLASS\)](#)
- [Family Life, Activity, Sun, Health, and Eating \(FLASHE\) Study](#)
- [Health Information National Trends Survey® \(HINTS\)](#)
- [Smokefree.gov](https://smokefree.gov)
- [Tobacco Control Monograph Series](#)
- [Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey \(TUS-CPS\)](#)

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