Advancing Innovative Research to Improve the Delivery of Cancer-Related Care

The Healthcare Delivery Research Program (HDRP) sits within NCI’s Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) and was created in January 2015 to respond to the need for empirical evidence to address challenges in cancer care. The name “Healthcare Delivery Research” was intentionally selected to be inclusive of all care delivery processes in both oncology and non-oncology settings. By funding and promoting innovative research, HDRP is working towards its goal of improving the delivery of cancer-related care and reducing the burden of cancer, thereby improving health for individuals and populations.

Structure

HDRP accomplishes its mission through its Office of the Associate Director, which provides general oversight of the program, and three unique Branches:

› The Healthcare Assessment Research Branch (HARB) fosters research that looks at how demographic, social, economic, and health system factors influence access to and provision of cancer care in the population. Many studies supported by this branch focus on patterns of care, financial burden, outcomes of healthcare services, and health disparities.

› The Health Systems and Interventions Research Branch (HSIRB) studies how multilevel contextual factors related to patients, clinicians, practice settings, delivery systems, insurance, and policy influence processes and outcomes of care. Developing and evaluating interventions that target these factors and improves cancer care delivery is of particular interest.

› The Outcomes Research Branch (ORB) promotes research to measure, monitor, evaluate, and improve patient experiences, outcomes, and quality of care across the cancer continuum. This scientific focus is intended to facilitate a greater understanding of the perspectives of cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and families, and integrate that knowledge into health care delivery systems.

"With outstanding people and great resources at NCI, HDRP is poised to make major contributions to shape the research agenda and advance the science of cancer care delivery."

- Paul Jacobsen
HDRP Associate Director
Research Resources

HDRP has developed a variety of data sets and measurement tools that can be used to address research questions at various points across the cancer control continuum. HDRP staff also lead large initiatives that inform our understanding of cancer screening, cancer care, factors influencing care, and outcomes of care. More information about these projects and others is available on the HDRP website.

› Cancer Control Supplement to the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)
› Healthcare Teams
› HealthMeasures: A Patient-Centered Assessment Resource (PCAR)
› HPV Vaccine Uptake
› NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) Cancer Care Delivery Research (CCDR)
› Population-based Research to Optimize the Screening Process (PROSPR)
› Patient-Reported Outcomes version of the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (PRO-CTCAE)
› SEER- Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS)
› SEER-Medicare
› SEER-Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (MHOS)

Events and Media

The Events and Media page of the HDRP website provides information about upcoming webinars and meetings as well as an archive of newsletters, videos, and publications. We recommend checking back often for updates.

Funding Opportunities

HDRP funds a growing portfolio of grants. Information about our current portfolio as well as available funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) can be found on the HDRP and DCCPS websites. Several examples of current FOAs include:

› Reducing Overscreening for Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancers among Older Adults
  PA-17-110 (R01), PA-17-109 (R21)]
› Oral Anticancer Agents: Utilization, Adherence, and Health Care Delivery
  PA-17-060 (R01), PA-17-061 (R21)
› Multilevel Interventions in Cancer Care Delivery: Building from the Problem of Follow-up to Abnormal Screening Tests
  PAR-17-146 (U01)
› Intervening with Cancer Caregivers to Improve Patient Health Outcomes and Optimize Healthcare Utilization
  PAR-16-317 (R01), PAR-16-318 (R21)
› Linking the Provider Recommendation to Adolescent HPV Vaccine Uptake
  PAR-16-338 (R01), PAR-16-336 (R21), PAR-16-337 (R03)

More information is available at https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/funding. If you have questions about a grant application, please contact the NCI Program Director listed on the FOA.

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