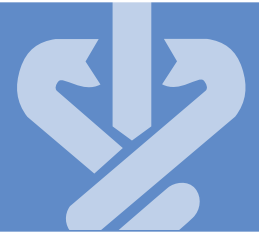


Fast Facts

about American Cancer Society Research



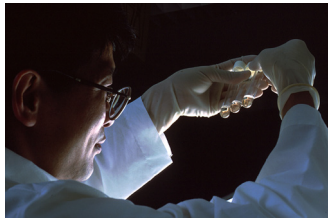
Since 1946 the American Cancer Society has invested more than **\$4 billion** on cancer research and had a hand in almost every major research breakthrough.

The research the Society conducts and funds spans numerous areas, including what causes cancer, how best to prevent, detect, and treat the disease, and how to improve quality of life for people living with cancer.

Following are **eight key facts** to help you better understand how we conduct and fund research, and the impact of this work.

The Society's Research Team

The American Cancer Society has two research divisions – one that consists of a large staff of cancer researchers who conduct their own studies (Intramural Research program) and one that employs a small group of top cancer experts who oversee the program that provides funding to researchers at other institutions (Extramural Research program).



Who the Society Funds

The American Cancer Society grant program provides funding and support for external researchers, as well as training for health care professionals. The program has a strong focus

on bringing fresh minds to the cancer problem. We only fund the best ideas – regardless of cancer type – meaning we do not predetermine a designated amount of research funding for any particular cancer type. The Society believes this is the best way to advance the field of cancer research.

How Many Researchers the Society Funds

New grants are usually awarded two times per year. At any one point in time, the Society is supporting more than 800 grantees throughout the country and across cancer types.

Nobel Laureates

Forty seven of the researchers the American Cancer Society previously funded have gone on to win the Nobel Prize. No other private, not-for-profit health organization has even come close to that record.

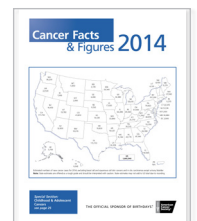


Cancer Centers

More than 80% of the directors of National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers are former American Cancer Society grantees.

Cancer Facts & Figures

Every year since 1952 American Cancer Society researchers have published *Cancer Facts & Figures*, the definitive source for projections of the number of new cancer cases and deaths expected in each state and in the nation in the current year.



Cancer Prevention Studies

American Cancer Society researchers have been conducting long-term studies consisting of millions of Americans since the 1950s. The goal of this research is to follow

people over long periods of time to see who develops cancer and why. These studies have led to major cancer prevention breakthroughs, such as the links between smoking and cancer and obesity and cancer.

Society Research News

The American Cancer Society regularly reports on the latest in cancer research, including the work of current American Cancer Society researchers and grantees.

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