

DCB/NCI Outreach Activities

*Shannon Hughes, PhD
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New Grantee Workshop*

How can we help promote you and your science?

Program Directors (PDs) have multiple roles in addition to stewardship of grants

- I. Inform NCI and NIH leadership of notable research advances
- II. Promote portfolio at scientific conferences
- III. Plan strategic workshops
- IV. Develop funding opportunity announcements
- V. Provide NIH-related information

I. Inform NCI and NIH leadership of notable research advances

Information on scientific achievements may be used by an NCI PD in a variety of contexts

- Generate reports for NCI Leadership;
 - Update NCI Board of Scientific Advisors (BSA) or National Cancer Advisory Board (NCAB) on progress in major programs or across general cancer research areas
 - Response to Congressional inquiries, prepare briefing books
- Share knowledge on research advances with NCI and NIH colleagues;
 - Strategic planning
 - Set priorities
 - Coordinate research across different fields
 - Identify gaps in research
 - Identify areas of potential synergy between groups or scientific areas
- Internal journal clubs and seminars;

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Melanoma Cells Are More Likely to Spread after a Stopover in Lymph Nodes

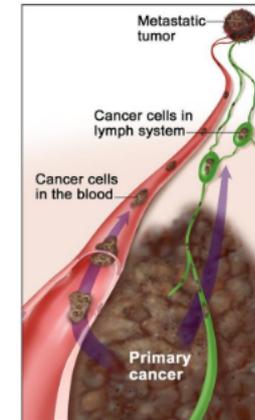
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September 30, 2020, by NCI Staff

Melanoma, the most aggressive form of skin cancer, is often incurable once the cancer has spread from the original site of the tumor to distant organs and tissues.

Doctors have known for decades that melanoma and many other cancer types tend to spread first into nearby lymph nodes before entering the blood and traveling to distant parts of the body. But the implications of this detour through the lymph nodes have remained

Has cancer spread to other parts of the body?



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This grantee-focused blog covers the latest on NCI's fiscal landscape, funding decisions, grants policy news, processes, and more.



NCI's New Fiscal Year Brings Old Fiscal Challenges

November 3, 2020, by Dr. Norman E. Sharpless

For this edition of the NCI Bottom Line blog, the NCI Director addresses what short-term funding from a continuing resolution means for NCI's FY 2021 interim paylines. Specifically, Dr. Sharpless highlights the Institute's interim policies for both competing and noncompeting grants.

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II. Organize sessions at scientific conferences (not R13)

- Serve as organizers at national scientific conferences
 - Grantsmanship mentoring;
 - Outreach for NCI programs and funding opportunities;
 - Highlight emergent NCI priority areas;
 - **Network investigators from disparate disciplines;**



III. Plan strategic scientific workshops

NCI sponsors scientific workshops on topics that appear to be emerging areas of interest or areas that might need coordination

- Intent of NCI workshops;
 - Gain knowledge on the status of the field
 - Identify where gaps exist
 - Determine if NCI coordination or resources are needed
 - Establish or network a community as needed

- Investigators serve in various roles at NCI workshops;
 - Participant
 - Discussant
 - Speaker
 - Co-chair

III. Plan strategic scientific workshops

2020 NCI Division of Cancer Biology workshops

NIH-Human Cell Atlas Workshop (March 31-April 1, 2020)

Immuno-Oncology Models Workshop (July 9-10, 2020)

Glycans, Microbes and Cancer Workshop (August 19-21, 2020)

Epigenomic Modifications in Cancer Biology (September 24-25, 2020)

NCI Early Onset Colorectal Cancer Think Tank (September 24-25, 2020)

Multidisciplinary Approaches to Understand Cancer Treatment Resistance (Nov-Dec, 2020)

NCI Symposium on Cannabis, Cannabinoids, and Cancer Research (December 15-18, 2020)

IV. Develop funding opportunity announcements (FOAs)

- Identify emerging or understudied scientific areas
 - Assess state of the science, needs, gaps
 - Engage stakeholders
 - Justify the need to NCI or NIH leadership
- Publish as a formal FOA;
- Conduct outreach;
 - Promote FOA
 - **Advise applicants**
- Partner with SRO for peer review(s);
 - Orientation for peer review
- Manage the FOA and, possibly, Program;
 - Connect investigators



*Current DCB-sponsored FOAs ([link](#))*₉

V. Provide important NIH-related information

e.g. NIH Anti-Harassment Policy

The [National Academies report on sexual harassment of women in science](#) found that “*federal agencies may be perpetuating the problem of sexual harassment.*” The NIH Director stated that he is concerned that NIH has been part of the problem. Thus, the NIH is working on:

- **Demonstrating accountability and transparency**
 - A clear message to institutions that NIH funds and researchers who lead the research that sexual harassment is unacceptable.
- **Clarifying expectations** for institutions and investigators to ensure safe workplace
 - Read more on the 6/14/2019 “[Open Mike](#)” blog
- **Providing clear channels of communication to the NIH**
 - For concerns related to harassment affecting NIH-funded research, an email can be sent to: GranteeHarassment@od.nih.gov
 - Or use the webform: <https://public.era.nih.gov/shape/public/notificationForm.era>

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