

Cancer Disparities and Health Equity: A Policy Statement from ASCO (2020)

Four Key Areas of Recommendations

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- Ensure Equitable Access to High Quality Care

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- Ensure Equitable Research

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- Address Structural Barriers

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- Increase Awareness and Action

What's Next: Ongoing ASCO Strategic Planning Effort

MISSION

Ensuring health care equity is integral in ASCO's efforts to conquer cancer through promotion of highest quality patient care, research, and education.

VISION

A world where every patient has a fair and just opportunity and resources to obtain high quality, high value, affordable care that matches their individual preferences across the cancer continuum in all care settings.

STRATEGIC PILLARS

Ensure Equitable
Access to High
Quality Care

Address
Structural
Barriers

Increase
Awareness &
Action

Ensure Equitable
Research

2021 ASCO Presidential Theme

Equity: Every Patient. Every Day. Everywhere.

Education **RACISM** Provider access
Healthy diets **Diverse workforce**
Outcomes Research **Exercise** **Tobacco** pandemic
Social Determinants of Health **ASCO** Cancer Outcomes
Health Equities Genetic Testing
Racial Injustice **Low/Middle – Income Countries**
URM providers Screening **COVID-19** **Modifiable risk factors**
High quality cancer care **Clinical Trials** Racial and ethnic minorities
Uninsured and Underinsured **Prevention** vaping
Energy balance **Alcohol Abuse**
Clinical Treatment Act H.R. 913 **Obesity**
geography Global public health
Medicare cuts

A Few of the Ongoing Initiatives

ASCO

- Advocacy on Capitol Hill (H.R. 913)
- Outreach to historically Black colleges & universities
- Efforts to increase underrepresented members in ASCO committees
- Efforts to improve care in older adults
- Efforts by Rural Care Task Force
- Improving quality of care
 - ASCO Clinical Affairs efforts
 - Susan G. Komen® Funding for Participation in Quality Programs at Urban Practices With High Proportions of African-American Patients With Breast Cancer
 - Stavros Niarchos Foundation Grant for Participation in Quality Programs at Rural or Urban Practices

Conquer Cancer Foundation

- Medical Student Rotations and Resident Travel Awards for Underrepresented Populations in Medicine
- Endowed Young Investigator Award in Health Disparities

2020 Grants:

- 2 Young Investigator Awards for Underrepresented Populations
- 1 Career Development Award and 1 Young Investigator Award in health disparities

New Initiatives Starting This Year

ACCC-ASCO Collaboration to Increase Participation of Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations in Cancer Treatment Trials

- **GOAL:** Identify, develop, implement, and evaluate novel strategies and practical solutions that will help increase participation in cancer treatment trials, with a particular focus on under-represented patients from racial and ethnic minority groups.

Social Determinants of Health: Training for Early Career Oncology Providers

- **GOALS:**
 - Provide education, primarily targeted to fellows/junior faculty while available to other audiences, that focuses on foundational knowledge and skills development on social determinants of health and modifiable risk factors. Discussion included desire for fellows to assist in development of content.
 - Use multiple delivery channels to create engagement and dialogue around these topics to encourage expanded viewpoints, development of critical thinking skills, and peer-to-peer learning.
 - Employ a longitudinal approach that starts in 2020, with activities leading up to and taking place during the 2021 Annual Meeting, with a plan for how this will continue into the future.