

Health Behaviors Research Branch (HBRB)

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About HBRB

Vision

A world in which individuals, families, and communities engage in healthy lifestyle behaviors to prevent cancer, improve treatment outcomes, extend life, and optimize health and well-being.

Mission

To support and catalyze research on the discovery, development, testing, and implementation of effective strategies to promote healthy lifestyle behaviors for cancer prevention and control.

Purpose

The Branch aims to support research at multiple levels of analysis to improve cancer-related health behaviors and risk factors.

Levels of Analysis

Biological/genetic, psychological, behavioral, social, environmental, and policy levels, individually and in combination.

Organizational Structure



Cancer-related Behavioral Risk Factors of Interest



Behavior genetics



Energy balance



Alcohol use



Diet



Obesity



Sleep and circadian dysfunction



Physical activity and sedentary behavior



Sun safety and tanning



Adherence to cancer-related medical and behavioral regimens



Other emerging cancer risk behaviors

Meet the Grantees

Learn more about our featured grantees at cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brpgrantees.

Funding Opportunities

Stimulating Innovations in Behavioral Intervention Research
for Cancer Prevention and Control
[PAR-16-278 \(R21\)](#)

Contact: Tanya Agurs-Collins



Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity
[PAR-14-321 \(R21/R33\)](#), [PAR-14-315 \(R01\)](#)

Contact: Frank Perna



Population Health Interventions: Integrating Individual and Group Level Evidence
[PA-16-146 \(R01\)](#), [PA-16-147 \(R21\)](#)

Contact: David Berrigan



Systems Science and Health in the Behavioral and Social Sciences
[PAR-15-048 \(R01\)](#), [PAR-15-047 \(R21\)](#)

Contact: Kara Hall



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Initiatives and Resources

Family Life, Activity, Sun, Health, and Eating (FLASHE) Study

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- This study collected data on psychosocial, generational (parent-adolescent), and environmental correlates of cancer-preventive behaviors.

Transdisciplinary Research on Energetics and Cancer (TREC) Centers

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- The TREC initiative builds scientific evidence that links nutrition, physical activity, weight, and energetics to cancer risk.

Classification of Laws Associated with School Students (CLASS)

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- This project uses two policy classification systems to score state-level codified laws for physical education (PE) and nutrition in schools.

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