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More than one-third 35 percent of the National Cancer Advisory Board members 6 of 17 were ethnic minorities as of December 1997, yet among NCI's two most powerful advisory bodies, the Board of Scientific Advisors and the Board of Scientific Counselors, only 11 percent 3 of 26 and 17 percent 7 of 42 are ethnic minorities, respectively.

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The priority-setting criteria are not specified, and the outcomes in terms of new scientific knowledge are unlikely to be extensive, given the relatively small output of intermediate outcomes such as studies funded in response to announcements. Although parallel and subsequent inquiry can confirm, refute, or modify the state of knowledge gleaned from one avenue of inquiry, there is no guarantee that the organic growth of knowledge will be uniform and free of lumps and gaps. These counts do not include in situ cancers, benign and borderline brain and central nervous system tumors, and basal and squamous cell skin cancers.

The Burden of Cancer Among Ethnic Minorities and Medically Underserved Populations

Congress and the public should first focus on results and trends primarily by use of mortality data.

The Unequal Burden of Cancer: An Assessment of NIH Research and Programs for Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved

In recent years the major causes of death from cancer in the United States among all ethnic groups have been cancers involving the lung, female breast, prostate, and colon-rectum.

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Moreover, NINDS should consider focusing attention not only on the community but other audiences, as well.

Monitoring and Reporting

The potential for creative and enterprising offshoots is large. Ethnic group differences in response to these and other questions may be useful in obtaining an understanding of the unique needs of ethnic minority and medically underserved communities and tailoring survivorship-related research and programs.

U.S. Cancer Statistics Data Visualizations Tool Technical Notes

Measuring Progress Against Cancer The SEER program registry reports on three important pieces of information for selected populations: 1 the occurrence of cancer incidence ; 2 rate of death from cancer mortality , as reported by the National Center for Health Statistics NCHS ; and 3 the length of survival following cancer diagnosis survival rate. Men by Racial or Ethnic Group, Age Adjusted to 1970 U. As indicated above, the committee did not find evidence of a strategic plan that addresses the needs of these communities and has offered a number of specific recommendations for the establishment of such a plan.

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