

PANCREATIC CANCER PATIENTS ARE COUNTING ON YOU

Increase Funding for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Program at the DoD to \$20 million

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THIS IS URGENT

Pancreatic cancer is the world's toughest cancer.

- The **five-year survival rate** for pancreatic cancer is just **11%**.¹
- Pancreatic cancer is the **3rd leading cause of cancer-related deaths** in the U.S., and it's projected to move to 2nd by 2030.^{1,2}
- In 2022, an estimated 62,210 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and **49,830 will die from the disease**.¹

“It is a major milestone for our field to have achieved a new federal research program that is dedicating funds annually to pancreatic cancer. More resources equal more researchers who tackle this deadly disease from more angles.”

Ingunn Stromnes, PhD, assistant professor in the department of microbiology and immunology at the University of Minnesota

WHY DoD?

Increasing funding for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Program at the DoD is an opportunity to quickly and dramatically impact patient outcomes.

Research shows that within a cohort of U.S. veterans, there is direct evidence for increased risk of death from pancreatic cancer. Veterans often have known risk factors for pancreatic cancer, including environmental exposure, other medical conditions such as diabetes and obesity, and lifestyle factors such as smoking.^{3,4} The Pancreatic Cancer Research Program is dedicated specifically to pancreatic cancer and is part of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program managed by the DoD.

TREMENDOUS DEMAND FOR DoD FUNDING

Congressional funding for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Program at the DoD is not keeping pace with current needs.

In FY21 the Program was funded at \$15 million, **277 researchers** applied and **14 grants** were funded. Increased funding for the Program will provide the opportunity for more meritorious research to be funded that could lead to breakthroughs for patients.^{5*}

*These numbers reflect recommendations only.

THE PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK (PanCAN) URGES THE 117TH CONGRESS TO INVEST \$20 MILLION IN the Pancreatic Cancer Research Program at the DoD in FY23 to ensure patients live longer and better lives.

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