

NCI Programs That Address Disparities in Cancer Prevention and Care

The NCI funds and coordinates a number of programs aimed at increasing cancer prevention activities across the country.



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One such program is the **NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP)** which is a national network that aims to increase access to clinical trials and cancer care (including cancer prevention, screening, and surveillance) to people in their own communities. NCORP consists of 53 institutions including seven research bases and 46 community sites that each coordinate clinical trials and cancer care delivery in locations accessible to patients. One mission of NCORP is to reduce cancer disparities through increasing access to cancer care services at these sites. Fourteen of NCORP's community sites serve minority communities with patient populations of at least 30 percent minorities and/or rural residents who cannot travel long distances to NCI-designated cancer centers. NCORP focuses on increasing access to cancer care and prevention services for people in their local communities.



The **NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD)** was established in 2001 to help reduce the unequal burden of cancer in our society through strengthening the NCI's research portfolio in disparities research, building interinstitutional partnerships and regional networks to foster collaboration to address cancer health disparities, providing technical advice and expertise to NCI leadership, and leading NCI's efforts in workforce diversity.

CRCHD's **Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (PACHE)** program seeks to build research,

education, and community outreach capacity between NCI-designated cancer centers (CCs) and institutions serving underserved health disparity populations and underrepresented students (ISUPS). In 2019, CRCHD supported 16 partnerships between 16 NCI-designated CCs and 20 ISUPS that aim to increase access to cancer advances (including in cancer prevention, screening, and treatment) in underserved communities across the nation. CRCHD also houses two network-based programs: **Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP)** and the **National Outreach Network (NON)**.

PACHE Locations in GMaP Regions



GMaP fosters collaboration, resource-sharing, training and capacity-building among cancer disparities researchers and trainees from underrepresented backgrounds. GMaP coordinates these activities through six administrative hubs that serve specific regions across the country. The program also builds strong relationships between cancer care sites and NON-supported community health educators (CHEs). **NON**, working through CHEs, develops and disseminates culturally tailored, evidence-based cancer prevention and control resources within the underserved communities served by NCI-designated CCs. NON and GMaP work in concert to increase awareness, knowledge, and access to NCI cancer prevention, screening, and treatment information among underserved populations.