

FIGHT COLORECTAL CANCER

RESEARCH SAVES LIVES!

ASK: Support \$44.68 billion (\$38 INCREASE) for the National Institutes of Health and \$6.92 billion (\$500M INCREASE) for the National Cancer Institute.

What Does the National Cancer Institute Do?

-  **PRINCIPAL AGENCY FOR CANCER RESEARCH** The National Cancer Institute (NCI) works on everything from essential research to clinical trials.
-  **PREVENTION AND TREATMENT** The NCI advances scientific discovery and leads the cancer research community towards improved prevention and treatment options.

What Does the National Institutes of Health Do?

-  **THE NATION'S PREEMINENT MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is at the leading edge of breakthrough medical research in the United States and around the world
-  **FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH** NIH invests in foundational research that forms the building blocks for life-saving treatments and cures.

Why Is Funding Important?

-  Research takes time and resources. The NIH and NCI need increased and predictable federal investment to continue the development of new treatments and cures for those with colorectal cancer.
-  Research at the NIH and NCI has helped lead to better screening techniques and improved treatment options
-  Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death for men and women combined, but colorectal cancer research funding at the NCI has been decreasing.

NCI Research Dollars for Colorectal Cancer

FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
\$256.3M	\$239.0M	\$223.0M	\$209.3M	\$212.2M	\$208.4M



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Getting to the NIH was important to my husband, John, and I. We called it 'the hospital in the Garden of Eden'. John was enrolled in three clinical trials at NIH, including one attempting to develop a personalized vaccine to treat John's cancer. These trials were at the cutting edge of medical research. For us, the NIH provided us both hope and options when we had exhausted the standard of care. There was no question John was in the best of hands.

DR. ANGELA NICHOLAS

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