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# JOINT EURO-AMERICAN FORUM ON CANCER



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# Message from Irish President Michael D. Higgins



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN  
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

Mar Uachtarán na hÉireann, may I extend my warmest good wishes to all in the All-Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI) as you prepare to co-host the upcoming Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer.

The All-Island Cancer Research Institute and its partners deserve all our gratitude for their unwavering, deep commitment to advancing cancer research and for all of their help in delivering a comprehensive framework for cancer research on our shared island. Their dedication and their commitment to excellence serve as a beacon of hope for all of those countless individuals and families across Ireland who may be affected by cancer.

The upcoming Joint Forum event holds a significant importance, coinciding as it does with the 25th anniversary of the Ireland - Northern Ireland - US National Cancer Institute Cancer Consortium. The establishment of that consortium, founded as a result of the Good Friday Agreement, stands as a testament to the power of collaboration in advancing healthcare initiatives. Through such collaboration, countless lives have been saved, and so many more have been positively impacted due to the efforts of this Cancer Consortium over the past 25 years.

The Joint Forum represents a unique opportunity, convening as it does, leading experts, researchers, and stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic in the exchange of knowledge and the sharing of best practice. I have no doubt that the Joint Forum will serve as a catalyst for not only renewed but even deeper collaboration, innovation, and progress in furthering our collective efforts to eradicate cancer and help alleviate the suffering of those affected by this devastating disease.

May I, in expressing my warmest regards to all involved in the work of the All-Island Cancer Research Institute as you anticipate the Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer, hope that you all will be celebrating a most successful and fruitful conference on April 25th and 26th.

Beir beannacht.

Michael D. Higgins

Uachtarán na hÉireann

President of Ireland

## Message from our Co-Chairs

Cancer represents an impending global health crisis unless we act with urgency. This has been exacerbated by the impact of the Covid pandemic, with >100 million cancer screening tests not performed and >1 million cancer diagnoses missed in Europe. Similar data exist for the US, emphasising the global nature of the challenge. The EU-US summit in 2021 marked the beginning of a renewed transatlantic partnership, setting a joint agenda for Europe-US cooperation in the post-pandemic era.

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, Cancer Mission and European Cancer Groundshot have clear compatibilities with the US Cancer Moonshot and National Cancer Plan, providing unparalleled opportunities to foster further cooperation between two global powerhouses of cancer research and care, to jointly address one of the greatest challenges in human health. Stronger links have been developing including between the European Cancer Organisation (ECO) and the American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO), through joint programmes addressing cancer inequalities and the impact of the War in Ukraine on cancer, demonstrating the appetite for joint Euro-American collaboration. The European School of Oncology (ESO) and the US National Cancer Institute (NCI) also represent major players in this transatlantic effort.

The island of Ireland has been a focus for transatlantic cooperation in cancer research and care, through the Ireland-Northern Ireland-NCI Cancer Consortium, an unheralded product of the Good Friday Agreement. The Consortium has delivered world-class research and better care for patients, by nurturing collaboration between researchers, patients, physicians, and allied health professionals. This work was presented at the Science Summit of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in 2023, where it was widely hailed as an international exemplar of the health dividend of peace.

The Consortium, the brainchild of Professor Paddy Johnston, who had worked at the NCI and saw the unique opportunity for the island of Ireland, celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year. Its impact has been significant – over 35,000 patients entered onto clinical trials on the island, saving thousands of lives and enhancing the quality of life of many more. Holding this significant Euro-American event on the island of Ireland, resonates both with the strong relationship that already exists with our US counterparts, the 25th anniversary of the Consortium, but also particularly given that 2024 marks the 20-year anniversary of when Ireland became the first country in the world to introduce a ban on smoking in the workplace, catalysing a global movement in public health and cancer prevention. Given that one of the areas of focus of the recently established EU – US Health Taskforce is lung cancer, the synergy with the introduction of the ban is significant. Hence the choice of lung cancer along with cancer inequalities among the key themes of the Forum.

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Since the autumn of 2020, the All Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI) which builds on the remarkable success of the Consortium, has been delivering an overarching framework for cancer research that will ease suffering and save lives, by realising better, more personalised treatment options, for all citizens on the island of Ireland and beyond. In a spirit of cooperation and in collaboration with world renowned cancer organisations including ECO, ASCO, ESO and the NCI, and in cooperation with the Department of Health, we are hosting this Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer in Ireland's Official State Residence Farmleigh House, Dublin, bringing together globally recognised clinical, academic, and patient advocate leaders, key policy makers and political figures, to shape and accelerate a transatlantic beating cancer agenda.

We welcome you all to this very special event and look forward to vibrant discussions and the development of tangible solutions over the next two days. To paraphrase Paddy "Dream No Small Dreams, for they have no power to move the hearts of men nor women"

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## THE EUROPEAN CANCER MANIFESTO



### Foundations laid, communities of cooperation created, but a job still to be finished...

'Time to Accelerate: Together Against Cancer' is a manifesto of recommendations for the future of EU cancer policy under the next European Commission 2024-2029.

It represents the result of input from many organisations and individuals active in pan-European cancer policy cooperation, and specific consultation with the Focused Topic Networks of the European Cancer Organisation.

The Manifesto is supported by over 65 organisations and more than 50 European politicians.

Find out more and endorse the Manifesto at: [TimeToAccelerate.com](https://www.timetoaccelerate.com)

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**Kathy Oliver**

Co-Chair, ECO Patient Advisory Committee; Chair, International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA)

# Thursday 25th April

8:00 - 8:30	<b>Registration and Welcome Refreshments</b>
8:30 - 8:35	Compere for Day 1: <b>Ruth Freeman</b> , Director of Science for Society at Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)
8:35 - 9:15	<b>Session 1: Transatlantic Cooperation for Cancer: Prime Time for Action</b>
Co-Chairs: <b>Mark Lawler</b> , European Cancer Organisation (ECO) Special Network Co-Chair; Professor of Digital Health, Queen's University Belfast (QUB); Co-Lead All Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI) <b>Julie Gralow</b> , Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Executive Vice President, American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)	
8:35 - 8:55	Opening remarks from Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer Co-Chairs
8:55 - 9:05	<b>Stephen Donnelly TD</b> , Irish Minister for Health
9:05 - 9:15	<b>Claire Cronin</b> , US Ambassador to Ireland
9:15 - 10:00	<b>Session 2: Time to Accelerate: Together against Cancer</b>
Co-Chairs: <b>Gilly Spurrier-Bernard</b> , Co-Chair, ECO Patient Advisory Committee <b>Cathal Crowe TD</b> , Member of National & European Parliamentarians for Cancer Action	
9:15 - 9:20	<b>Cathal Crowe TD</b> , Member of National & European Parliamentarians for Cancer Action
9:20 - 9:30	<b>Philippe Roux</b> , Acting Director, Public Health, Cancer & Health Security; Head of Unit Cancer, Health in all Policies; Directorate-General for Health & Food Safety, European Commission
9:30 - 9:40	<b>Lynn Schuchter</b> , President, ASCO
9:40 - 9:50	<b>Simon Oberst</b> , Director of Quality & Accreditation, Organisation of European Cancer Institutes
9:50 - 10:00	<b>Richard Sullivan</b> , Director, Institute for Cancer Policy, Kings College London, UK

10:00 – 10:30	Tea/Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:25	<b>Session 3: Addressing the Cancer Challenge – Together is Better</b>
Co-Chairs: <b>David Collingridge</b> , Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet Oncology and <b>Amanda Drury</b> , Associate Professor School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, Dublin City University (DCU); Board Member European Oncology Nurses Society, Board Member EU Cancer Mission, Brussels, Belgium	
10:30 – 10:35	<b>Amanda Drury</b> , Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, DCU; Board Member, European Oncology Nurses Society, Board Member EU Cancer Mission, Brussels, Belgium
10:35 – 10:45	<b>Csaba Dégi</b> , President, ECO and <b>Kathy Oliver</b> , Patient Advocate; Co-Chair ECO Patient Advisory Committee and Chair, International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA)
10:45 – 10:55	<b>Satish Gopal</b> , Director, Centre for Global Health, National Cancer Institute (NCI), USA. <b>Mark Lawler</b> , ECO Special Network Co-Chair; Professor of Digital Health, QUB; Co-Lead AICRI; Joint Chair, Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer
10:55 – 11:05	<b>Alberto Costa</b> , Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner & CEO European School of Oncology (ESO) and <b>Henry Rodriguez</b> , Office of The Director, NCI, USA
11:05 – 11:25	Roundtable Discussion: <b>Csaba Dégi; Lynn Schuchter; Satish Gopal; Kathy Oliver; Mark Lawler</b>
11:25 – 12:10	Panel Discussion: <b>Csaba Dégi, Lynn Schuchter, Kathy Oliver, Mark Lawler, Alberto Costa</b> Moderated by: <b>David Collingridge</b> , Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet Oncology
12:10 – 12:15	Presentation of award to <b>Kathy Oliver</b> for her outstanding work on cancer patient advocacy globally. Presented by: <b>Alberto Costa</b>
12:15 – 12:25	<b>Maeve Lowery</b> , Professor of Translational Cancer Medicine, Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and Academic Director, Trinity St James's Cancer Institute

# Thursday 25th April

12:25 - 13:20	Lunch
13:20 - 15:10	<b>Session 4: Cancer Inequalities: We must Act NOW!</b>
Co Chairs: <b>Csaba Dégi</b> , President, ECO <b>Debbie Keatley</b> , Patient Advocate, Northern Ireland Cancer Research Consumer Forum and Independent Cancer Patients' Voice	
13:20 - 13:25	<b>Debbie Keatley</b> , Patient Advocate, Northern Ireland Cancer Research Consumer Forum and Independent Cancer Patients' Voice
13:25 - 13:35	<b>Nicolò Battisti</b> , Co-Chair of the ECO Inequalities Network & President of International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) <b>Julie Gralow</b> , CMO and Executive Vice President, ASCO
13:35 - 13:45	<b>William Dahut</b> , Chief Scientific Officer, American Cancer Society.
13:45 - 13:55	<b>Françoise Meunier</b> , Founder of the European Initiative on Ending Discrimination Against Cancer Survivors, Brussels, Belgium
13:55 - 14:00	<b>Averil Power</b> , CEO, Irish Cancer Society
14:00 - 14:10	<b>Mark Lawler</b> , ECO Special Network Co-Chair, Professor of Digital Health, QUB; Co-Lead, AICRI and Co-Chair, Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer
14:10 - 15:00	Panel Discussion: <b>William Dahut, Françoise Meunier, Averil Power, Julie Gralow, Mark Lawler</b> Moderated by <b>William Gallagher</b> , Professor of Cancer Biology, University College Dublin (UCD) & Co-Lead AICRI
15:00 - 15:10	Presentation of Award to <b>Françoise Meunier</b> for her significant commitment to cancer survivors in Europe by <b>Csaba Dégi</b> , President, ECO  Presentation of Award to <b>Julie Gralow</b> for her key leadership in global cancer control by <b>Michael Clausen</b> , Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy to Ireland



15:10 - 15:40	Tea/Coffee Break
15:40 - 17:35	<b>Session 5: The Island of Ireland as a nexus for cancer cooperation</b>
Co-Chairs: <b>Richard Spratt</b> , CEO Cancer Focus Northern Ireland <b>Mairead O' Driscoll</b> , CEO, Health Research Board of Ireland (HRB)	
15:40 - 15:45	<b>Mairead O' Driscoll</b> , CEO, HRB
15:45 - 15:50	<b>William Gallagher</b> , Professor of Cancer Biology UCD & Co Lead AICRI
15:50 - 15:55	<b>Aedin Culhane</b> , Professor of Cancer Genomics, University of Limerick & Co Lead eHealth Hub for Cancer Emerging Hub of Excellence
15:55 - 16:00	<b>Dan Longley</b> , Director, Patrick G Johnston Centre for Cancer Research, QUB
16:00 - 16:05	<b>Lorraine O Driscoll</b> , Professor of Pharmacology & Biomedicine, Trinity College Dublin (TCD) & Lead, All-Ireland Cancer Liquid Biopsies Consortium Emerging Hub of Excellence
16:05 - 16:10	<b>Bob Ladner</b> , Queen's University Belfast & CEO CV6 Therapeutics
16:10 - 16:25	Keynote Address: <b>Stephen Chanock</b> , Office of the Director, National Cancer Institute, USA
16:25 - 17:15	Panel Discussion: <b>William Gallagher, Aedin Culhane, Lorraine O Driscoll, Bob Ladner, Stephen Chanock, Dan Longley</b> Moderated by: <b>Richard Spratt</b> , CEO, Cancer Focus Northern Ireland
17:15 - 17:20	Presentation of Award to <b>Stephen Chanock</b> by Irish Ambassador to the United States, <b>Geraldine Byrne Nason</b> , for his unwavering support of the Ireland - Northern Ireland - US NCI Cancer Consortium
17:20 - 17:30	<b>Mark Lawler</b> , European Cancer Organisation (ECO) Special Network Co-Chair; Professor of Digital Health, Queen's University Belfast (QUB); Co-Lead All Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI) and <b>Julie Gralow</b> , Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Executive Vice President, American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
17:30 - 17:35	Close of day: <b>Ruth Freeman</b> , Director of Science for Society at Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)

# Friday 26th April

<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>Registration and Welcoming Refreshments</b>
9:00 – 9:05	Compere for Day 2: <b>Jonathan McCrea</b> , Whipsmart Media
<b>9:05 – 9:40</b>	<b>Welcome to The Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer Day 2</b>
9:05 – 9:15	<b>Mark Lawler</b> and <b>Julie Gralow</b>
9:15 – 9:25	Address by <b>Robin Swann MLA</b> , Minister for Health for Northern Ireland.
9:25 – 9:40	<p>In Memoriam:            In memory of <b>John Ryan</b>, Deputy Director of DG Sante, for his leadership and role as a public health champion of the EU's Covid-19 response and EU Cancer Mission. Delivered by: <b>Sandra Gallina</b>, Deputy Director-General, DG SANTE, European Commission</p> <p>In memory of <b>Véronique Trillet-Lenoir</b> for her outstanding leadership in delivering Europe's Beating Cancer Plan. Delivered by: <b>Vincent Guérend</b>, French Ambassador to Ireland</p> <p>In memory of <b>Norman Coleman</b> for his support of the Ireland – Northern Ireland – US NCI Cancer Consortium and his global leadership in radiation oncology. Delivered by: <b>Mary Coffey</b>, TCD and European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO)</p>
<b>9:40 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 6: Recognising Euro-US-Ireland leadership in cancer control</b>
<b>Co-Chairs: Tony Holohan</b> , Adjunct Full Professor of Public Health, UCD and <b>Tracy Robson</b> , Head of School of Pharmacy and Biomolecular Sciences, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI); President, Irish Association for Cancer Research	
9:40 – 9:50	<b>Csaba Dégi</b> , President, ECO
9:50 – 10:00	Welcome address <b>Micheal Martin TD</b> , Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs.
10:00 – 10:05	<p>Presentation of Award to <b>Micheál Martin</b>, Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Defence for his vision and courage in introducing the first national smoking ban in the workplace in the world.</p> <p>Presented by: <b>David Byrne</b>, Former European Union Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection</p>

10:05 - 10:15	<b>Deirdre Heenan</b> , Professor of Social Policy, Ulster University, and <b>Mark Lawler</b>
10:15 - 10:20	<b>Stewart Dickson MLA</b> , Member of National & European Parliamentarians for Cancer Action, Oesophageal Cancer survivor and member of the Northern Ireland Parliament Assembly All Party Group on Cancer
10:20 - 10:30	Keynote Address: <b>Mairead McGuinness</b> , European Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and the Capital Markets Union
<b>10:30 - 12:15</b>	<b>Session 7: Time to Accelerate – Putting the Focus on Lung Cancer</b>
<b>Co-chairs: Alberto Costa</b> , Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner & CEO ESO. <b>Jarushka Naidoo</b> , Professor of Medical Oncology and Consultant Medical Oncologist, Beaumont Hospital and RCSI University of Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland, Adjunct Professor of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA	
10:30 - 10:35	<b>Alberto Costa</b> , Special Advisor to EU Health Commissioner & CEO ESO
10:35 - 10:45	<b>Neal Freedman</b> , Chief of the Tobacco Control Research Branch, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, NCI, USA
10:45 - 10:55	<b>Isabelle Soerjomataram</b> , Deputy Head at International Agency for Research on Cancer / World Health Organisation, Lyon, France
10:55 - 11:05	<b>Miroslav Samaržija</b> , Faculty of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia
11:05 - 11:15	<b>Jarushka Naidoo</b> , Professor of Medical Oncology and Consultant Medical Oncologist, Beaumont Hospital and RCSI University of Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland; Adjunct Professor of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
11:15 - 11:25	<b>Torsten Blum</b> , Co-Chair of the ECO Prevention, Screening & Early Detection Network
11:25 - 11:30	<b>Richard Price</b> , Head of Policy, European Cancer Organisation (ECO)
11:30 - 12:15	Round Table: <b>Neal Freedman, Isabelle Soerjomataram, Torsten Blum, Richard Price, Miroslav Samaržija</b> Moderated by: <b>Jarushka Naidoo</b>

# Friday 26th April

<b>12:15 - 13:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
13:15 - 13:30	Lung Ambition Alliance: Accelerating Outcomes in Lung Cancer Through Country Collaborations <b>Caius Kim</b> , Global Director, Lung Ambition Alliance, AstraZeneca
<b>13:30 - 15:05</b>	<b>Session 8: What does better look like and how do we make it better for all?</b>
Co-chairs: <b>Deirdre Heenan</b> , Professor of Social Policy, Ulster University; <b>Satish Gopal</b> , Director, Centre for Global Health, NCI, USA	
13:30 - 13:35	<b>Satish Gopal</b> , Director, Centre for Global Health, NCI, USA
13:35 - 13:40	<b>Henry Rodriguez</b> , Director, Office of Cancer Clinical Proteomics Research, NCI, USA
13:40 - 13:45	<b>Richard Sullivan</b> , Director, Institute for Cancer Policy, Kings College London, UK
13:45 - 13:50	<b>Gilly Spurrier-Bernard</b> , Co-Chair, ECO Patient Advisory Committee
13:50 - 13:55	<b>Lynn Schuchter</b> , President, ASCO
13:55 - 14:00	<b>Mike Morrissey</b> , Chief Executive of the European Cancer Organisation (ECO) and Executive Director of the European Cancer Community Foundation
14:00 - 14:05	<b>Mary Coffey</b> , TCD & European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO)
14:05 - 14:10	<b>Kieran Sheahan</b> , Vice-President, International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR); Clinical Professor, St Vincent's University Hospital and UCD
14:10 - 14:15	<b>Catharine Young</b> , White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Washington, DC
14:15 - 15:05	Round Table Discussion: <b>Richard Sullivan, Gilly Spurrier-Bernard, Lynn Schuchter, Catharine Young</b> Moderated by <b>Deirdre Heenan</b> , Professor of Social Policy, Ulster University

15:05 – 15:35	Tea / Coffee Break
15:35 – 17:30	<b>Session 9: And How Can Research Make a Difference?</b>
Co-chairs: <b>Donal Brennan</b> , Research Lead, National Cancer Control Programme, Ireland <b>Josephine Hegarty</b> , Professor of Nursing, University College Cork (UCC)	
15.35 – 15.40	<b>Josephine Hegarty</b> , Professor of Nursing, UCC
15:40 – 15:55	Keynote Presentation: <b>Paul Brennan</b> , Branch Head Genomic Epidemiology, International Agency for Research on Cancer, Lyon, France
15:55 – 16:05	<b>Damien Bennett</b> , Director, Northern Ireland Cancer Registry and Deirdre Murray, Director, National Cancer Registry of Ireland
16:05 – 16:10	<b>Owen Smith</b> , Professor of Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer, TCD and Visiting Full Time Professor UCD
16:10 – 16:15	<b>Orla Dolan</b> , CEO Breakthrough Cancer Research
16:15 – 16:20	Speaker to be confirmed
16:20 – 16:25	<b>Ciaran Briscoe</b> , Patient Advocate & CEO Northeast Cancer Research and Education Trust
16:25 – 17:10	<b>Paul Brennan, Owen Smith, Orla Dolan, Panelist to be confirmed.</b> Moderated by: <b>Donal Brennan</b> , Research Lead, NCCP Ireland
17:10 – 17:20	<b>Mark Lawler</b> and <b>Julie Gralow</b> ; Scientific Co-Chairs Joint Euro-American Forum on Cancer
17:20 – 17:30	Accelerating the Momentum for Cancer in Europe: <b>Csaba Dégi; Lynn Schuchter; Beata Jagielska</b> , Director of the National Cancer Institute, Warsaw, Poland, on behalf of Polish Minister for Health; <b>Piotr Rutkowski</b> , Maria Skłodowska-Curie Memorial Cancer Center Warsaw, Poland
17:30 – 17:35	Closing remarks: <b>Jonathan McCrea</b> , Whipsmart Media

# Forum event partners



Over the last 3 years, the **All-Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI)** has brought together 10 academic institutions across the island of Ireland, along with other stakeholders, to develop an overarching framework for cancer research covering prevention, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship/quality of life. Significant funding to kick-start this rapidly expanding and inclusive virtual institute has been received from the North-South Research Programme (NSRP), run by the Higher Education Authority of Ireland via funding under the Shared Island Initiative.

AICRI is focused both on deepening North-South collaboration, strengthening the social and economic links on the island of Ireland, but also on linking with international colleagues in other parts of Europe, the US and further afield to benefit cancer patients and wider society.



The **European Cancer Organisation (ECO)** is the largest non-profit, multi-professional federation in Europe. It brings together hundreds of different professional societies and patient groups to advocate for more effective, efficient, and equitable cancer care.



Founded in 1964, the **American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO®)** is committed to the principle that knowledge conquers cancer and, together with the Association for Clinical Oncology, represents nearly 50,000 oncology professionals who care for people living with cancer.



The **National Cancer Institute (NCI)** is the federal government's principal agency for cancer research and training. Established under the National Cancer Institute Act of 1937, NCI is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), one of 11 agencies that make up the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). NCI's mission is to lead, conduct, and support cancer research across the nation to advance scientific knowledge and help all people live longer, healthier lives. As the leader of the cancer research enterprise, collectively known as the National Cancer Program, and the largest funder of cancer research in the world, NCI manages a broad range of research, training, and information dissemination activities that reach across the entire country, meeting the needs of all demographics—rich and poor, urban and rural, and all racial/ethnic populations. The NCI is the US partner in the tripartite Ireland - Northern Ireland - NCI Cancer Consortium.

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- by providing leadership and policy direction for the health sector to improve health outcomes,
- by undertaking effective governance and performance oversight to ensure accountable and high-quality services and systems,
- by collaborating to achieve health priorities and contribute to wider social and economic goals and
- by creating an organisational environment where high performance is achieved, collaborative working is valued, and the knowledge and skills of staff are developed and deployed.

There are 19 bodies under the aegis of the Department of Health. The Department works with the relevant agencies and bodies, together with a wide range of other stakeholders, to deliver health and social care services to the people of Ireland.



The **National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP)** is a National Directorate of the Health Service Executive, which is Ireland's public health and social care service. The goal of the HSE is to provide quality care and support to people at all stages of life. Established in 2007, the NCCP works with health service providers and other partners to prevent cancer, treat cancer, and increase survival and quality of life for those who develop cancer, by converting the knowledge gained through research, surveillance and outcome evaluation into strategies and actions. In particular, the NCCP is responsible for the implementation of the majority of the recommendations of the government's National Cancer Strategies, which are published approximately every ten years.

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