THE COMMUNITY AS CONTEXT FOR HEALTH
PREVENT CANCER DIALOGUE
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Contributing Factors to Cancer Disparities

- Socioeconomic factors
- Access to healthcare
- Physical and built environment
- Institutional racism
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH

2022–2026 STRATEGIC PLAN
“NINR Mission: Leading nursing science to solve pressing health challenges and inform practice and policy – optimizing health and advancing health equity into the future.”
All NINR-Supported Research:

- Tackles today’s pressing health challenges and stimulates discoveries to prepare for, prevent, or address tomorrow’s challenges
- Discovers solutions across clinical, community, and policy settings to optimize health for individuals, families, communities, and populations
- Advances equity by removing structural barriers from research, cultivating diversity in perspectives and ideas, and fostering inclusion and accessibility in designing, conducting, and participating in research
- Is innovative, develops or applies the most rigorous methods, and has the potential for the greatest impact on health
Research Lenses – Examining Health Challenges

- Health Equity
- Social Determinants of Health
- Population and Community Health
- Prevention and Health Promotion
- Systems and Models of Care
Health Equity

Reduce and eliminate the systemic and structural inequities that place some at an unfair, unjust, and avoidable disadvantage in attaining their full health potential.
Social Determinants of Health

Identify effective approaches to improve health and quality of life by addressing the conditions in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, and age.
Prevention and Health Promotion

Prevent disease and promote health through the continuum of prevention—from primordial to tertiary.
Systems and Models of Care

Address clinical, organizational, and policy challenges through new systems and models of care.
Population and Community Health

Address critical health challenges at a macro level that persistently affect groups of people with shared characteristics.
PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS
Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society (ComPASS)

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Transformative Health Disparities Research Program

- **RFA-RM-21-021**: Transformative Research to Address Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity (U01 Clinical Trial Allowed)

- **RFA-RM-21-022**: Transformative Research to Address Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity at Minority Serving Institutions (U01 Clinical Trial Allowed)

Co-Chairs: **NINR, NIMH, NIMHD, ORWH, THRO**

[commonfund.nih.gov/healthdisparitiestransformation](http://commonfund.nih.gov/healthdisparitiestransformation)
NIH Climate Change and Health Initiative

Executive Committee:
NIEHS, FIC, NHLBI, NICHD, NIMH, NIMHD, NINR
NIH-Wide Social Determinants of Health
Research Coordinating Committee

Facilitate sharing of information about SDOH research across NIH and with Federal partners

Develop SDOH expertise, capacity, and a learning system at NIH

Build community and collaborations in SDOH research across NIH and with Federal partners

Identify gaps and promising SDOH research directions

Accelerate SDOH research across NIH
across diseases and conditions, populations, life course, SDOH domains

Executive Committee: NINR, NIMHD, OBSSR, FIC, NCATS, NCCIH, NCI, NHGRI, NIA, NIAMS, NICHD, NIDDK, NIEHS, NLM, ODP, ORWH
Other Initiatives

- HHS Social Determinants of Health Workgroup
- Interdepartmental Health Equity Collaborative
- Social Determinants of Health Interagency Policy Committee
- Interagency Working Group for the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report
Community Engagement
Thank you!