

# Cancer SIGnificance

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## Become an Advocate for Cancer Issues

Cancer issues are a personal priority for many of us, but together we can make them a national priority! Advocacy is a great way to make your voice heard. There are several advocacy opportunities available through the American Psychological Association, American Cancer Society, and other groups. Some of these are listed below:

- **American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network** (ACS CAN) is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. It supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. Find out more at [www.acscan.org](http://www.acscan.org).
- **National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship** (NCCS) is a grassroots advocacy organization founded in 1986 to advocate for quality cancer care for all people touched by cancer. NCCS has worked with legislators and policy makers to represent cancer patients and survivors in efforts to improve their quality of care and quality of life after diagnosis. Find out more at [www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org).
- **American Society of Clinical Oncology** (ASCO) has a division called “**ASCO in Action**”. Asco in Action regularly provides the latest news and analysis related to cancer policy news. These updates provide snapshots of ongoing advocacy efforts, as well as opportunities to take action on critical issues affecting the cancer community. Find out more at [www.asco.org/asco-in-action](http://www.asco.org/asco-in-action).

The APA has also published “A Psychologist’s Guide to Federal Advocacy” which includes information on the federal legislative process and how to get involved. This can be accessed at <http://www.apa.org/about/gr/advocacy/>.

## Funding Opportunity available through Behavioral Research Program

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Behavioral Research Program, in partnership with the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), is pleased to announce the release of a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA):

Intensive Longitudinal Analysis of Health Behaviors: Leveraging New Technologies to Understand Health Behaviors (U01 & U24)

This FOA invites applications to support research projects (U01) to study factors that influence key health behaviors at the individual level, using intensive longitudinal data collection and analytic methods. Researchers are encouraged to leverage recent advances in mobile and wireless sensor technologies and big data analytics. The research projects will collect and analyze data, disseminate project findings, and work collaboratively with each other and the research coordinating center (U24).

For cancer-related FOA inquiries, please contact Richard Moser ([moserr@mail.nih.gov](mailto:moserr@mail.nih.gov)). For general FOA inquiries, please contact Dana Wolff-Hughes ([dana.wolff@nih.gov](mailto:dana.wolff@nih.gov)).

## Early Career Spotlight: L. Aubree Shay, Ph.D.



Dr. Shay is an assistant professor in Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences at the UT School of Public Health in San Antonio, Texas. Her program of research focuses on improving medical decision-making and performance of healthy behaviors in the context of cancer prevention and survivorship. Specifically, she uses quantitative and qualitative methods to: (1) characterize pathways between patient-provider communication and patients health outcomes, and (2) identify and intervene on factors that improve self-management and healthy behaviors among adolescent and young adult survivors of childhood cancer.

Dr. Shay and colleagues recently published an article that highlights some of their work trying to understand how doctor-patient communication (in this case HPV vaccine recommendations) can impact cancer prevention behaviors. This article (“Characterizing safety-net providers’ HPV vaccine recommendations to undecided parents: A pilot study”) is available in the journal of Patient Education and Counseling, and has been attached [here](#).

Want to be featured in Cancer SIGnificance like Dr. Shay? To participate, fill out the brief bio: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5gr8PWin0y2yCUd](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5gr8PWin0y2yCUd).

## Hot off the Press

Cancer SIGnificance wants to share *your* cutting-edge research! If you have an in-press or online-first article, please send it via email to Sarah Hwang ([hwang.213@osu.edu](mailto:hwang.213@osu.edu)). We will share it in an upcoming issue of Cancer SIGnificance!

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