

# Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

## National Cancer Institute (NCI)



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**Director:** Norman E. Sharpless, M.D.

**Department:** Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**Parent Agency:** National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**Maryland Employees:** 3,137

**History & Mission:** Creation of the National Cancer Institute was authorized by the U.S. Congress in the National Cancer Act of 1937. Under the original legislation, NCI's administrative relationship to NIH was not specified. A research facility was constructed, however, as part of a new NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland, that was occupied between 1938 and 1941. In 1944, Public Health Service (PHS) legislation specifically designated NCI as a component of NIH.

The NCI was authorized to award grants to nonfederal scientists for research on cancer and to fund fellowships at NCI for young researchers. The National Cancer Institute coordinates the National Cancer Program, which conducts and supports research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer, rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and the families of cancer patients.

### Maryland Facilities

National Cancer Institute Headquarters (Montgomery County)  
National Cancer Institute Center for Cancer Research (Montgomery County)  
National Cancer Institute at Frederick (Frederick County)

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[NCI Office of Grants Administration](#)  
[NCI SBIR & STTR](#)  
[NCI Technology Transfer](#)

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### Distinguished Centers

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[Center of Excellence in Chromosome Biology](#)  
[Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins](#)  
[University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center](#)  
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[Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities](#)  
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### National Cancer Institute Center for Cancer Research (CCR)

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The CCR was created on January 12, 2001, through a merger of two divisions at NCI.

The Center for Cancer Research is home to more than 250 scientists and clinicians working in intramural research at NCI. CCR is organized into over 50 branches and laboratories, each one grouping scientists with complementary interests. CCR's investigators are basic, clinical and translational scientists who work together to advance our knowledge of cancer and AIDS and to develop new therapies against these diseases. CCR investigators collaborate with scientists at the more than 20 other Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health, as well as with extramural scientists in academia and industry.

CCR's vision is to integrate basic, translational and clinical research to make cancer preventable, curable or chronically manageable. CCR's mission is to inform and empower the entire cancer research community by making breakthrough discoveries in basic and clinical cancer research and by developing them into novel therapeutic interventions for adults and children afflicted with cancer or infected with HIV.

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### National Cancer Institute at Frederick

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In October 1971, President Nixon converted Fort Detrick from a biological warfare facility to a national cancer research center. In 1973, the Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center (FCRDC) was established there. In 2000, the name was changed from NCI Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center. It continues to be a Federally Funded R&D Center (FFRDC) located within Fort Detrick.

NCI-Frederick focuses on direct research aimed at identifying the causes of cancer, AIDS, and related diseases. More than 100 scientists are investigating the genetic, molecular, environmental, and behavioral factors that contribute to human cancers, as well as identifying new targets for cancer diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.

NCI-Frederick also provides core scientific expertise and advanced technology development to NCI, NIAID (Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases), and other components of NIH.

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