

Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

National Cancer Institute (NCI)



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Director: Dr. W. Kimryn Rathmell

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), 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) and the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research (FNLCR).

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[National Cancer Institute at Frederick](#) (Frederick County)

The NCI Frederick campus in Maryland is a major hub for cancer and biomedical research, housing the [Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research \(FNLCR\)](#), a government-owned, contractor-operated facility. Established in 1971 by President Nixon as part of the National Cancer Act, NCI Frederick was created to convert Fort Detrick's biological weapons facilities into a leading cancer research center. FNLCR,

designated as a Federally Funded Research and Development Center in 1975, focuses primarily on cancer but also tackles other infectious diseases. The 68-acre campus is home to numerous NCI research labs and offices, with the Advanced Technology Research Facility consolidating much of its research in Frederick. FNLCR collaborates with public and private partners to advance cancer treatment and biomedical research.

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