



AMERICAN PANCREATIC
ASSOCIATION

The mission of the American Pancreatic Association is to foster clinical and basic science research needed to cure diseases of the pancreas. Advancing the field of research and training the next generation of researchers depends upon an efficient, established, and consistently funded infrastructure for research. As congress and the White House turn their focus to preparing a budget for fiscal year 2026, APA urges congressional leaders to prioritize ongoing funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other federal agencies supporting biomedical research. Exocrine pancreatic disease including pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer remain high burden diseases, with significant morbidity and mortality, and few effective treatments available. Cutting edge research supported through the NIH and the Departments of Defense has provided hope and promise for better therapies in the future for affected patients and must continue to develop breakthrough treatments. Academic hospitals and Universities are fundamental for training the next generation of basic scientists and physician-scientists in pancreatic disease who will continue to advance the field.

How can you act? We encourage our members to contact your congressional representatives by email or phone to convey the critical importance of federally funded biomedical research for pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer in the next budget cycle. You can find your Congressman and Senators by entering your address here: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>