National Cancer Institute (NCI) Launches Online Platform Research Idea Submittals for the National Cancer Moonshot Initiative Efforts

This week, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) launched an online platform for the submittal of research ideas for the National Cancer Moonshot Initiative efforts. A Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP) of scientific experts and patient advocates will consider ideas from both research professionals and the public as the panel charts the initiative's scientific direction. Ideas may be submitted at CancerResearchIdeas.cancer.gov.

Research ideas are being accepted by the BRP in the following areas:

- · Cancer clinical trials
- · Data sharing
- · Dissemination and population sciences
- Immunotherapy, combination therapy, and immunoprevention
- · Pediatric cancer
- · Tumor evolution and progression
- · Other exceptional opportunities

Submitted ideas will be considered by the BRP and the initiative's proposed working groups over the next few months, and the panel will report its findings to the NCAB later this summer.

NCI notes that "the feedback platform is just one way in which the public can provide ideas for accelerating progress in the fight against cancer through this initiative." The initiative will also accept ideas submitted by email (cancerresearch@nih.gov) or by calling the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER. To sign up for updates on the online platform and other aspects of the National Cancer Moonshot Initiative, you may visit the initiative's main website located at http://www.cancer.gov/research/key-initiatives/moonshot-cancer-initiative.