



The Association of American Cancer Institutes
Statement on Confirmation of Dr. Jay Bhattacharya as NIH Director

The Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) congratulates **Jayanta Bhattacharya, MD, PhD**, on his confirmation this week as director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

During his confirmation hearing, Dr. Bhattacharya said he would foster a culture of open dialogue at the NIH and committed to focusing attention on chronic diseases, including cancer, in alignment with the Trump Administration’s “Make America Healthy Again” agenda.

As a physician-scientist and health economist, Dr. Bhattacharya brings a fresh perspective to the NIH. Having received NIH funding for his own research, he understands firsthand how federal investments in the NIH drive innovation and discovery.

AACI represents over 100 leading academic cancer centers in the U.S. and Canada—including the 73 National Cancer Institute (NCI)-Designated Cancer Centers—and enjoys a longstanding relationship with the NIH and the NCI. We look forward to continued collaboration with the NIH and welcome the opportunity to discuss the future of cancer research with Dr. Bhattacharya.