

ACS CAN

Frequently Asked Questions



1. What is the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN)?

ACS CAN is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage lawmakers and candidates to support laws and policies that will make cancer a top national priority. Through ACS CAN, ordinary people can achieve extraordinary results in the fight against cancer. For more information, visit www.acscan.org.

2. What is the difference between ACS and ACS CAN?

ACS CAN is the advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, and was created to enable the steady growth of advocacy efforts that aim to eliminate cancer through legislative action. Our organization builds upon the Society's more than 90 years of excellence to provide the muscle necessary to bring attention to issues related to research funding, access to quality care, prevention, early detection and treatment.

3. Why are ACS CAN and the CoC working together?

ACS CAN and the CoC are working together because of their shared understanding of the importance of advocacy in the fight against cancer. CoC physicians and ACS CAN members know that some of the most important work in the fight against cancer takes place in the halls of state and federal legislatures, and in how much of an impact the medical community can make by advocating for meaningful healthcare legislation. ACS CAN acts as the voice of the people demanding that they be heard in the halls of Congress and that their legislators be held accountable for their actions in the fight against cancer.

4. How will ACS CAN do its part to eliminate cancer?

ACS CAN trains and organizes its members so that they can effectively take action and communicate with their elected officials and candidates to make cancer a national priority. ACS CAN engages in legislative advocacy and funds issue advertisements to increase government funding of cancer research, early detection, prevention, and treatment programs. ACS CAN also produces and circulates voter resources to citizens nationwide, educating the public on their elected officials' plans for critical cancer prevention and treatment measures.

5. Does ACS CAN contribute money to candidates or endorse them?

No. ACS CAN is a nonpartisan advocacy organization and does not contribute money to or on behalf of political candidates, nor does it expressly endorse or advocate defeat of political candidates.

6. How do I join ACS CAN?

You become a member of ACS CAN by making a donation of just \$10 by credit card at www.acscan.org/donate, or you can make your membership contribution of \$10 by cash or check. It is important that you complete an ACS CAN membership form with your donation, so that we are able to send you your membership benefits, email newsletters, and action alerts. Membership forms can be

found at: www.acscan.org/coc or by contacting us at: 202-661-5700. All donations can be sent to: ACS CAN, P.O. Box 29427, Atlanta, GA 30359.

7. Will I be notified when it is time to renew my membership?

Yes; memberships last for one year. Every time you donate you will receive a new member card with a new “valid through” dated printed on it, indicating how long you can remain a member without another donation. One month before the “valid through” date on your card, and before your membership lapses, we will send you a renewal notice via U.S. mail. You can also renew your membership online at any time by going to www.acscan.org/renewals.

8. Are there membership benefits?

Yes. Basic membership benefits include access to “members only” content on www.acscan.org, a monthly email newsletter with members only content, and a legislative toolkit. ACS CAN is also proud to reward its higher-level donors through its membership benefits program. Your benefits are determined based upon how much you donate within a given calendar year. Our additional ACS CAN membership levels are:

- Leader’s Circle (\$250)
- Hero’s Circle (\$500)
- Champion’s Circle (\$1000)
- President’s Circle (\$3000)
- Chairman’s Circle (\$10,000)
- Major CANpaign Circle (\$20,000 or more)

You can find a list of the membership levels and benefits at www.acscan.org/membership_benefits.

9. Can I set up a recurring donation?

Yes, when you make a donation at www.acscan.org you are given the option to contribute automatically on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

10. Is my ACS CAN membership tax-deductible?

Because we use your donations to support our citizen-based advocacy and lobbying efforts to end cancer, contributions or gifts to ACS CAN are not tax-deductible.

11. How do I contact ACS CAN?

You can contact ACS CAN by phone at 202-661-5700 or email at ican@acscan.org. Contributions may be made online at www.acscan.org/donate or by mail to ACS CAN, P.O. Box 29427, Atlanta, GA 30359. All other mail should be sent to ACS CAN, 901 E Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004.