

Healthspan Action Coalition

Overview & What Joining Means

In September 2022, we launched the nonprofit **Healthspan Action Coalition (HSAC)** to create an action plan for a new global societal movement promoting and extension of the worldwide healthspan – healthy longevity.

The new pillars of medicine – cell and gene therapies – along with innovative, emerging and converging technologies, as well as the immense global movement that drove funding and a regulatory progress for stem cell research and regenerative medicine, will be vigorously promoted by the HSAC. Our efforts will speed the development of cutting-edge cures for a host of diseases and conditions, increase and improve education in the scientific and patient advocacy communities, and drive worldwide public awareness of the need to direct resources to the promotion of healthy longevity.

Educated stakeholders in the realm of patient advocacy will demand breakthrough medicine and treatments for all, sooner rather than later. To make this happen, we need a cogent policy agenda. Without broad public support, the "future of medicine" might take decades to be realized, delaying or denying effective new treatments that stand to benefit every person on earth.

The new WHO ICD-11 codes recognizing aging as a treatable medical condition represent a paradigm shift. The biological aging process is the major contributing factor to all noncommunicable diseases and is the leading cause of disabilities worldwide. Biological aging research and its translation will contribute to the health and well-being of not only the top "one percenters," but to the roughly 8 billion other people sharing our planet.

The HSAC is creating a global societal movement supporting healthy aging. Building upon a foundation of trusted and matured connections and networks, the movement will be deployed across a wide spectrum of collaborative efforts promoting favorable policy and funding for scientific research, innovations and patient engagement.

By communicating the importance of cutting-edge medicine to lawmakers, governments, media and the public, those of us now leading the efforts of the HSAC worked previously to accelerate basic research and translational medicine, and have already moved the regulatory needle with regard to stem cell research and regenerative medicine. Now we are doing so for increased longevity and an extended healthspan.

The Coalition seeks to unite all stakeholders who have an interest in reducing the burden of diseases and conditions that affect not only the aged, but all people worldwide who experience an enormous range of health conditions, all of which impact the healthspan. Central to the HSAC's formation is the recognition that virtually all diseases involve rapid premature aging, taking years off people's lives, and the underlying cause of most widespread diseases is the aging process itself.

The Coalition's priorities include:

- 1. Increasing government funding for healthspan research and clinical trials.**
- 2. Prioritizing an accelerated regulatory process for healthspan treatments and cures, enacting evidence-based regulations that keep pace with innovation.**
- 3. Advancing public and private sector payment policies supporting patient access to regenerative medicine and other advanced therapies aimed at healthspan.**
- 4. Lessening preclinical animal testing and substituting, where feasible, support for and deployment of advanced technologies, including precision medicine, organ on chip, AI, organoids and tissue engineering.**
- 5. Addressing the progress, implications and global adoption of the World Health Organization ICD-11 code(s) declaring aging as a treatable disease-related condition.**
- 6. Expanding workforce development initiatives, including within technical schools and community colleges, to develop human capital and create a skilled workforce for this highly technical field.**
- 7. Distributive justice: delivering an increased healthspan to all populations and communities by creating cross-sector collaborations and tools aimed at addressing disparities in the drivers of health, racism and bias, and structural flaws in the health system. All people should have the fair and just opportunity to achieve their full potential in every aspect of their health, longevity and well-being.**

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What Joining the HSAC Means

What We Ask of You:

- Agree with our priorities and help us evolve them over time as we both drive and keep pace with the field and regulatory environment.
- Agree to be listed as part of the HSAC, including listing your logo on our website (<https://healthspanaction.org/healthspan-action-coalition/>) and in our marketing and outreach materials.
- Attend occasional HSAC briefing sessions and provide input/expertise on healthspan related topics over time.
- Consider periodic requests to meet with elected and appointed officials regarding healthspan and related issues.
- Consider periodic, opportunistic asks to talk with members of the media regarding healthspan and related issues.
- There is no cost or membership fee for joining the HSAC.

What We Can Do For You

- You will be part of our network, and we will connect you to others in the network in ways that would be beneficial to you and your work.
- We will keep you informed of our activities and on healthspan generally, from the HSAC's perspective.
- We can provide you with spokespeople, general or localized, for your own interactions with media or government officials as needed.
- We can offer speakers for your meetings and events.

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