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Cancer Immunotherapy.—The Committee continues to be encouraged by new breakthroughs in cancer immunotherapy, which are revolutionizing treatments for a growing number of cancers. This includes remarkable improvement in outcomes for an increasing number of cancer patients. In some cases, however, the side effects of such treatments are far different than those associated with chemotherapy. Early recognition and management of cancer immunotherapy-related side effects can result in resolution of these side effects before permanent damage is done, and allows for continued cancer treatment. As more patients benefit from cancer immunotherapy, recognizing and treating possible side effects will take on greater urgency. Therefore, the Committee urges NCI to prioritize research and education on the underlying mechanisms of cancer immunotherapy toxicities.