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# Introduction and Overview of Epidemiology and Genetics Research Program

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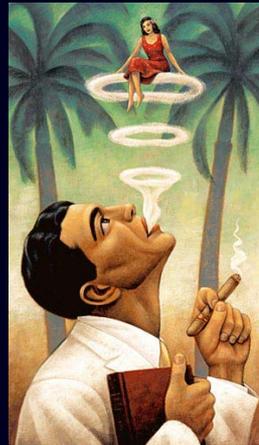
## Tobacco Case Nears Trial, Questions Remain

By REUTERS  
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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - On the eve of a \$280 billion racketeering trial of major cigarette makers, political and legal uncertainties are still seen hanging over the U.S. government's long-awaited case.

With opening arguments set for Tuesday, observers of the largest racketeering case in history say the outcome could still depend on twists and turns outside the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler.



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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (Reuters) - Miss Alabama Deidre Downs, an aspiring medical student, won the Miss America contest on Saturday and said she would work to regain public respect for the event.

Downs, 24, was crowned Miss America 2005 after beating 51 other contestants from every state plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She defeated Miss Louisiana, Jennifer Dupont, in a final head-to-head talent competition.

Downs, from Birmingham, Alabama, pledged to use her year as Miss America to reestablish the competition as a major cultural event amid criticism that it is a outdated forum and has little relevance to modern women.

"I would like to be the Miss America that brings this organization back into the realm of popular culture," she said.

The Miss America Organization had paid for her to go to college and will now pay for medical school, she said, although she conceded her medical training may be deferred. She wins \$50,000 in scholarship money.

"People don't realize all the positive aspects of this program," she said. "People don't see as more than a pageant. It's a scholarship program and it's not afraid to be glamorous."

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By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
Associated Press

There wasn't any doubt six years ago that Doug Jensen had cancer.

The Oregon engineer's blood was clogged with the immature cells that are sure signs of leukemia. Treatment with a new wonder drug, Gleevec, made them disappear.

Since then, doctors repeatedly have searched his blood, even individual molecules, for bits of DNA and other substances that would reveal he still had the disease. None has been found.

Is he cured?

"They don't use that word," said Jensen.

**'Cured' is a word rarely heard by cancer patients**

The inability to predict that the disease will never return makes doctors cautious

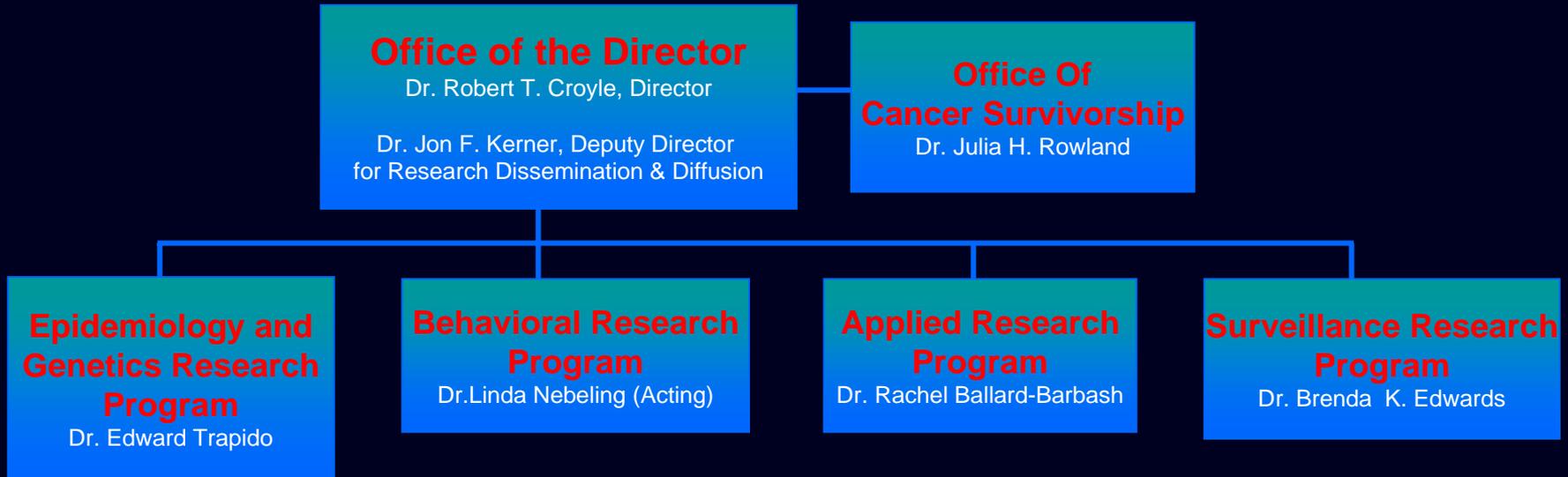
**SURVIVAL OUTLOOK FOR VARIOUS CANCERS**

Whether a cancer is likely to return largely is dictated by the type of cancer. A look at a few:

- Testicular, bladder and certain blood and bone marrow cancers: Unlikely to return if in remission for two or three years.
- Some prostate and breast cancers: May be cured if confined to the site and surgically removed.
- Lung cancer: Cured relatively rarely, especially by surgery alone.



# *Genes, Tobacco and Diet: Important Issues Supported by NCI Research*



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