The American Cancer Society announces a new Research Development Program for the identification, rapid funding, and conduct of important projects in cancer research and control. The Society believes that together with the scientific community it should play a more active, responsive, and responsible role in the identification of activities which if performed successfully will benefit people. Such approved high priority projects can be funded in less than three months of receipt of applications and will include: (a) unique research opportunities which cannot and should not wait for funding by current lengthy mechanisms; (b) unanticipated requirements for reagents, drugs, blood components, equipment, travel, etc.; (c) program coordination, especially involving clinical trials and the dissemination of research results to community hospitals; and (d) program integration among the American Cancer Society and other organizations—Cancer Centers, PSRO's, HMO's, State Health Associations, etc.

Program Funding—Approximately $5 million will be provided for 1977-1978. Most grant awards will be of $15,000 or less. Occasionally, a special situation may require funding at a higher level. Research applications that do not meet the special criteria of this Research Development Program may be candidates for the regular research grants program of the Society.

Review and Evaluation—Each research application will be reviewed by an outside peer group of scientists whose competence is recognized in the designated area of research or research resources. In accordance with policies of the American Cancer Society, each application will be reviewed for merit, facilities, and the actual or potential qualifications and productivity of the investigator and the institution in which the research is to be conducted. Applications will also be evaluated for the requirement for rapid funding and for relevance, need, and probability of the project's eventual contribution to cancer control in people. Grants will be made for one year and will not be renewable except under unusual circumstances.

Send applications (original plus six copies) with sufficient information for review of merit, urgency, need, and priority to: F. J. Rauscher, Jr., Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Research, American Cancer Society, Inc., 777 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017.