



*Improving cancer patient outcomes by advancing the development and application of immunotherapy and biological therapy*

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## iSBTc Community Update

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### **Obama Selects Harold Varmus to Lead National Cancer Institute**

President Obama has announced his intent to appoint Harold Varmus, MD to lead the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Varmus formerly directed the National Institutes of Health and won the 1989 Noble Prize in Physiology / Medicine for his work that elucidated the cellular origin of retroviral oncogenes. Most recently he served as president of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

As the premier organization in cancer immunotherapy / biological therapy, the International Society for Biological Therapy of Cancer would like to congratulate Dr. Varmus on this important appointment. With his political savvy and deep understanding of the field, his appointment represents an opportunity to further our exchange and interaction with the NCI. In this exciting time of new developments in biological cancer treatment, we look to his expert leadership at the NCI to support efforts to improve outcomes of patients with cancer by advancing the science, development and application of immunotherapy and biological treatments of cancer.

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