



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on FY 2025 President's Budget Request

March 11, 2024 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the proposed funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the President's fiscal year (FY) 2025 budget request released March 11:*

"The Ad Hoc Group appreciates the president's request to provide a necessary increase in discretionary funding for medical research. We also acknowledge the administration's plan for bold future mandatory investments in targeted areas of interest, as robust funding growth for medical research is critical to provide the promise of better health to patients and communities nationwide. We are concerned, however, that as a result of the impractical overall discretionary spending cap in FY 2025, the base request for NIH falls far short of the need and scientific opportunity across the diverse array of health challenges facing families everywhere.

Robust growth in the foundational research that the NIH supports in labs across the country is key for future translation of these research findings to push the boundaries of clinical research and development. To replicate recent successes in preventive measures, diagnostics, treatments, and cures, we must ensure that we continue to expand the NIH's capacity to support fundamental science.

Regrettably, the proposed base budget request for FY 2025 lags behind biomedical inflation and would force NIH to reduce its capacity to support medical research nationwide. Underinvesting in NIH's annual base budget is to the detriment of patients today and tomorrow, undermines the future medical research workforce, and jeopardizes U.S. competitiveness with global adversaries.

To avoid these consequences, in FY 2025, [nearly 400 members of the Ad Hoc Group urge lawmakers to continue their bipartisan commitment to medical research and ensure at least \\$51.3 billion for the NIH's base program level](#), and that any additional funds for ARPA-H supplement, rather than supplant, this core investment in NIH. We also strongly encourage lawmakers to maximize the discretionary appropriation for the NIH. Heightened research and development by both the public and private sector can save millions of lives and trillions of dollars in the future.

We look forward to working with the administration and Congress to ensure the NIH is equipped with the resources it needs to continue making progress against existing health challenges and safeguarding the nation against emerging threats."

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of nearly 400 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry. The Ad Hoc Group has one mission: to enhance the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.