



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on NIH Funding in FY 2024 Spending Package

March 25, 2024 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the funding provided for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the fiscal year (FY) 2024 spending bill signed by the president on March 23:*

“The Ad Hoc Group appreciates that Congress continues to recognize the NIH as a key national priority despite the wholly impractical discretionary spending cap. The success of bipartisan negotiators in securing \$300 million in new resources across nine institutes and centers and preserving existing funding across the agency is an important attempt to prevent erosion in the medical research enterprise and ongoing quest to advance new and better outcomes for patients everywhere.

As health challenges persist and our understanding of medicine improves, the scope of scientific opportunity only continues to increase, yet NIH is able to support just a fraction of the promising proposals it receives from scientists nationwide. These challenges are compounded when the NIH budget lags behind biomedical research inflation. If we are to maximize the potential of medical research to deliver improved health for patients and families facing devastating diagnoses, to enhance our global economic competitiveness, and to inspire the next generation of researchers, we must resume the trajectory of robust, sustained growth in NIH funding. That starts with Congress ensuring overall discretionary spending allocations that support necessary investment in key national priorities moving forward.

We thank our extraordinary champions on the Appropriations Committees for their recognition of the essential role that NIH plays in the lives and livelihood of every American, and we will continue to work with them and their colleagues throughout Congress to ensure medical research in the U.S. continues to thrive.”

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.