



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Applauds \$2 Billion Increase for NIH *Senate Appropriations Committee approves 6.3 percent funding increase for NIH*

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research commends the Senate Appropriations Committee for approving the \$2 billion increase included in the subcommittee's FY 2017 spending bill for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The Ad Hoc Group particularly thanks Senate Labor-HHS Subcommittee Chair Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.) for their leadership and vision in championing this increase for NIH. We appreciate that the subcommittee worked in a bipartisan manner to pass a spending bill that recognizes the importance of innovative medical research to the nation's health.

Given the subcommittee's limited allocation, we are heartened by the confidence this increase expresses in the NIH and the institutions and scientists it supports. Sustained funding growth for medical research is critical if we are to continue to improve our nation's health, continue our leadership in medical research, and remain competitive in today's global information and innovation-based economy. We look forward to working with Congress and the Administration to ensure a robust increase in federal support for medical research through NIH in FY 2017.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of more than 200 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.