



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Dear Member of Congress:

As the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress begins, over 300 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research wish to welcome you. We invite you and your staff to consider this coalition as a valuable resource regarding our nation's premier medical research agency the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and its impact on improving the health of patients across the nation. The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, founded in 1982, is a coalition of patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry, dedicated to enhancing the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research supported by NIH.

Nearly every medication, diagnostic, and other intervention in practice today has its origins in NIH-funded research. Today, NIH investment takes place in every state and in nearly every [congressional district](#). NIH seeks to drive medical breakthroughs that will benefit patients nationwide, advance potential treatments and preventive strategies for cancer and Alzheimer's, improve maternal health, and develop countermeasures for persistent or emerging health threats. In 2024 alone, NIH research supported the development of a blood test that identified Alzheimer's disease correctly in older adults with nearly 90 percent accuracy. Such tests assist in speedier diagnoses and improve access to earlier treatments - saving lives. NIH-supported researchers developed a brain-computer interface that allowed a man to communicate after his ability to speak was impaired by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). NIH-supported research also developed 3D maps of cancer which have provided critical information on how tumors develop, spread, and respond to treatments.

In addition to improving patients' health, a robust, reliable investment in scientific discovery is crucial to strengthening the economy in the near- and long-term and maintaining our nation's global dominance in medical discoveries. Through NIH, the federal government plays an irreplaceable role in supporting biomedical research that is inherently inefficient for industry to conduct but is essential to inform our fundamental understanding of medicine. More than 80 percent of the NIH's budget supports research in all 50 states and D.C., as well as U.S. territories, at medical schools, teaching hospitals, universities, and research institutes, which often are among the largest employers in their respective communities. In fiscal year (FY) 2023, federal support of medical research [directly and indirectly supported](#) over 400,000 jobs and produced nearly \$93 billion in new economic activity nationwide – or \$2.46 of economic activity for every \$1 of research funding. Moreover, as the world's premier public funder of medical research, the NIH plays an important role in our nation's international leadership, drawing top-tier talent from across the world to benefit the health and wellbeing of American communities and patients.

Even with the longstanding bipartisan support for the groundbreaking research supported by NIH, the agency is only able to fund approximately 1 in every 5 promising proposals, leaving potentially lifesaving science on the table, a challenge that is compounded when funding does

not keep pace with inflation. In November 2024, over 400 organizations across the NIH stakeholder community recommended at least the Senate Appropriations Committee approved-level of \$48.9 billion for NIH in FY 2025. This investment would help expand the potential for new cures and other interventions for patients and their families, fully capitalize on scientific opportunity, and ensure that NIH remains the global leader in medical research. Underinvestment in research supporting cures and treatments for patients not only harms the health of Americans, but also weakens our international leadership and status as a premier destination for global research talent.

Our community is grateful for the longstanding bipartisan and bicameral commitment to ensure that investment in NIH remains a national priority. We look forward to working together in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress and thank you again for your leadership and prioritization of the work that brings hope to patients and their families.

Sincerely,

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Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research

AcademyHealth

Accessia Health

ACT for NIH

Akari Foundation

AliveandKick'n: Living with Lynch Syndrome

Alliance for Aging Research

Alliance to Solve PANS & Immune-Related Encephalopathies (ASPIRE)

Alpha-1 Foundation

ALS Association

Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's Impact Movement

American Academy of Neurology

American Academy of Nursing

American Association for Respiratory Care

American Association for Cancer Research

American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research

American Association for Respiratory Care

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

American Association for Women in Radiology

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association of Physicists in Medicine

American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

American Brain Coalition

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)

American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

American College of Radiology

American College of Rheumatology

American College of Surgeons

American Council on Education

American Federation for Aging Research  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)  
American Lung Association  
American Massage Therapy Association  
American Neurological Association  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychological Association Services  
American Sexual Health Association  
American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association  
American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Statistical Association  
American Thoracic Society  
American Urological Association (AUA)  
Americans for Medical Progress  
Angelman Syndrome Foundation  
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)  
Associated Medical Schools of New York  
Association for Academic Pathology  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL)  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Bioethics Program Directors  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, Associate Vice President for Research Policy and Gov Affairs  
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of University Anesthesiologists  
Autism Speaks  
Barth Syndrome Foundation  
Baylor College of Medicine  
BDSRA Foundation  
Biophysical Society  
Boston Medical Center Health System

Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF)  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
CACNA1A Foundation  
Cancer and Careers  
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
Cedars-Sinai  
Celiac Disease Foundation  
Center for Endometriosis Care  
Center for Optimal Aging, Marymount University  
Children's Hospital Association  
Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation  
Chris "CJ" Johnson Foundation Inc.  
ChristianaCare  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
Cleveland Clinic  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Coalition of Skin Diseases  
Coalition to Cure CHD2  
Columbia University  
Community Oncology Alliance (COA)  
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
Congenital Hyperinsulinism International  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Cornell University  
Council on Social Work Education  
COVID-19 Longhailer Advocacy Project  
Cribs for Kids, Inc.  
CSNK2A1 Foundation  
CUNY School of Medicine  
CURE Epilepsy  
Cure HHT  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Dartmouth Health  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer  
Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin  
Dravet Syndrome Foundation  
Duke Health  
Duke University  
Dysautonomia International  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network  
ECU Health & ECU Brody School of Medicine  
Emory  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation of America  
Family Caregiver Alliance  
Family Voices of California  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)

Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences  
Focused Ultrasound Foundation  
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered  
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics  
Foundation for Biomedical Research  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)  
Friends of the National Institute on Aging  
Gaucher Community Alliance  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Genetic Alliance  
Global Liver Institute  
Good Days  
Harvard University  
Head for the Cure Foundation  
HealthyWomen  
Henry Ford Health  
Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network  
HIV Medicine Association  
Hope for HIE  
Indiana University  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Bipolar Foundation  
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Rett Syndrome Foundation  
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM)  
International WAGR Syndrome Association  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Joey's Wings Foundation  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
Keck Medicine of USC  
Kidney Cancer Association  
kids with heart natl assn for children's heart disorders, inc  
La Jolla Institute for Immunology  
Lasker Foundation  
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)  
Let's Talk UTI, Inc.  
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University  
Lifespan Research Institute  
Look. Foundation  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
M-CM Network  
March of Dimes  
Marymount University  
Mass General Brigham  
Massachusetts Society for Medical Research  
MEAction

Medical College of Wisconsin  
Medical Image Perception Society  
Memorial Sloan Kettering  
MemorialCare Health System  
Men's Health Network  
Michigan State University  
Mission MSA  
MitoAction  
MLD Foundation  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Mount Sinai Health System  
Mucopolidosis Type IV Foundation  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alliance for PANS/PANDAS Action  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Association for Biomedical Research  
National Association For Continence  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors  
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)  
National Eczema Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Health Council  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Scleroderma Foundation  
National Society of Genetic Counselors  
Neuroimmune Foundation  
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research  
New York Genome Center  
New York Medical College  
New York State Academic Dental Centers  
NORSE Institute  
North American Vascular Biology Organization  
North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research  
Northwest Association for Biomedical Research  
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition  
NYU Langone Health  
Old Dominion University  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
Patient-Led Research Collaborative  
Penn State Health  
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research  
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation  
PINK Concussions  
PKD Foundation  
Platelet Disorder Support Association  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness  
Project Sleep

Propionic Acidemia Foundation  
Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF)  
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
PXE International  
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Safe Kids Worldwide  
Sjögren's Foundation, Inc.  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Reproductive Investigation  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (SAAAPM)  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging  
Society of PAs in Genetics & Genomics  
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound  
Susan G. Komen  
Texas Biomedical Research Institute  
Texas Society for Biomedical Research  
The Alex Manfull Fund  
The Alliance for Longevity Initiatives  
The Coalition Against Pediatric Pain  
The Consortium of Social Science Associations  
The George Washington University  
The Judy Nicholson Foundation  
The Life Raft Group  
The Louisa Adelynn Johnson Fund for Complex Disease  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
The National Pancreas Foundation  
The STARR Coalition  
The Sturge-Weber Foundation  
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB)  
Triage Cancer  
TSC Alliance  
Tulane University  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine  
UCLA  
UMass Chan Medical School  
Univeristy of Utah Health  
University at Buffalo  
University of California, Irvine  
University of Chicago Medical Center  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado  
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus  
University of Colorado Boulder

University of Colorado Colorado Springs  
University of Colorado Denver  
University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine  
University of Houston System  
University of Maryland, Baltimore  
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas-Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Rochester  
University of Washington  
UsAgainstAlzheimer's  
Usher 1F Collaborative  
Usher Syndrome Coalition  
UVA Health  
v-ATPase Alliance  
Vanderbilt University  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
VentureWell  
Veterans Prostate Cancer Awareness Inc.  
VHL Alliance  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
wAIHA Warriors  
Washington State University  
Washington University  
West Virginia University  
Wiskott-Aldrich Foundation  
Yale University  
YWHAG Research Foundation