



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on FY 2024 President's Budget Request

March 10, 2023 – *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) 2024 budget request released March 9:*

"The Ad Hoc Group appreciates the President's request to provide an increase in discretionary funding for medical research, though at very few NIH institutes. We also acknowledge the proposal's plan for bold future mandatory investments, as funding for medical research is critical to provide the promise of better health to patients and communities nationwide. However, we believe the base request falls short of the need and scientific opportunity.

Robust growth in the foundational research that the NIH supports in labs across the country is key for future translation of research findings to push the boundaries of clinical research and development. To replicate recent successes in preventive measures, diagnostics, treatments, and cures for the long list of ailments afflicting people everywhere, we must ensure that we continue to expand the NIH's capacity to support fundamental science broadly across the agency and across the full range of scientific disciplines.

Regrettably, the proposed base budget request for FY 2024 does not even come close to keeping pace with biomedical inflation, to say nothing of allowing the NIH to expand its capacity. Underinvesting in NIH's annual base budget is to the detriment of patients today and tomorrow, undermines the future medical research workforce, and threatens to weaken U.S. competitiveness with global adversaries.

To avoid these consequences, in FY 2024, nearly 400 members of the medical research stakeholder community urge lawmakers to continue their bipartisan commitment to medical research and ensure **at least \$51 billion for the NIH's base program level, and that any additional funds for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) supplement, rather than supplant, this core investment in 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.