



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Statement on Continuation of NIH Director

June 8, 2017 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the White House announcement to continue the appointment of Francis Collins, MD, PhD, as director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).*

The Ad Hoc Group applauds the Administration's decision to continue the appointment of Francis Collins, MD, PhD as the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Since his appointment in 2009, Dr. Collins has been an ardent advocate for biomedical research and continues to inspire young scientists to pursue a career in research.

Launched under his leadership, efforts like the Precision Medicine Initiative and Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative will further the United States' standing as a global leader in science and innovation. These efforts add to the greater mission of the NIH, which strives to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.

We look forward to continuing to work with Dr. Collins and the Administration to help advance medical research that leads to life-changing treatments and cures for millions of Americans."

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of more than 300 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.