

Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – October 7, 2019

Each week, the Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up will feature hashtags and/or tweets (follow us at [@fundNIH](#)) suggested by members of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) advocacy community. We encourage all readers who are active on social media to use these messages, and we welcome suggestions from the community for future issues of the Weekly Round Up.

Here is this week's featured tweet:

[The Nobel Prize @NobelPrize](#)

"BREAKING NEWS: The 2019 [#NobelPrize](#) in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded jointly to William G. Kaelin Jr, Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe and Gregg L. Semenza 'for their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability.'"

1. Nobel Prize Awarded in Physiology or Medicine

The 2019 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine announced October 7 is awarded to William G. Kaelin Jr, MD, Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe, MD, and Gregg L. Semenza, MD, PhD, for their work in understanding how cells sense and adapt to low oxygen levels. According to [an NIH press release](#), "Dr. Kaelin has received continuous funding since 1990, totaling more than \$30 million from NIH's National Cancer Institute. Dr. Semenza has received funding from NIH since 1988, totaling more than \$20.3 million, primarily from NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases."

2. NIH Announces \$945 Million in Funding Through HEAL Initiative

The NIH [September 26 announced](#) \$945 million awarded in FY 2019 to fund "grants, contracts and cooperative agreements across 41 states through the Helping to End Addiction Long-term Initiative (HEAL)." NIH Director Francis Collins, MD, PhD, noted that this multi-institute initiative utilizes expertise from many disciplines to address substance use disorder by "accelerat[ing] development of effective non-opioid therapies for pain and provid[ing] more flexible and effective options for treating addiction to opioids."

3. *Open Mike*: Seeking Comments on Using Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources

The NIH is [soliciting public input](#) on "how the Health Level Seven International (HL7®) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) standard could be used to capture, integrate, and exchange clinical data for research purposes and to enhance capabilities to share research data." NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research Mike Lauer, MD, explains in an [Open Mike blog post](#) that the NIH wants to "hear more from the community on ways to strengthen approaches that find, share, and access high-quality patient data, while also making it more interoperable and reusable." Comments must be [submitted by November 23](#).

4. Sen. Grassley Calls for Immediate Action on HHS OIG Reports

Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) [September 27 issued a news release](#) calling for immediate action on a [September 25 report](#) from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG). The OIG report titled, "NIH Has Made Strides in Reviewing Financial Conflicts of Interest in Extramural Research, But Could Do More," recommends that NIH perform periodic reviews of financial conflicts of interest and use information on foreign affiliations to inform any future changes to the financial-conflict review process. Sen. Grassley in

particular called for improvements of NIH oversight of conflicts of interest and foreign influence in NIH grant review.

Upcoming Hill Briefings and Other Events

5. Congressional Briefing on the Impact of Incarceration – October 10

Please join the Population Association of America in co-hosting a Congressional briefing titled, “Measuring the Impact of Incarceration on Individuals, Neighborhoods, and Society.” The briefing will take place on October 10 from 12:00-1:00pm in 2044 Rayburn House Office Building. [Please visit the event website](#) for further details and RSVP to CRDFellow2@dc-crd.com.

6. Congressional Briefing on Cancer Research – October 22

Please join One Voice Against Cancer as they host a Congressional briefing titled, “Cancer Research: Challenges, Progress, and the Role of Cancer Registries.” The briefing will take place on October 22 from 12:00-1:30pm in SVC 203-02. [Please see the attached flyer](#) for more information and [RSVP by Tuesday, October 15](#).

7. AAI Research Advocacy Program – October 22

The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) invites policy leaders from patient advocacy and other health and scientific organizations to attend its [2019 Research Advocacy Program \(RAP\)](#) on October 22. Designed for the general public, the RAP features a series of talks by AAI-member scientists who are engaged in cutting-edge immunological research and who help participants understand the role of the immune system in preventing, causing, and treating disease. For more information [see](#) attached flyer and please RSVP to jschumacher@aai.org by October 8.

8. Congressional Briefing on Antimicrobial Resistance – October 24

Please join Research!America and the American Society for Microbiology as they co-host a Congressional briefing titled, “Leading the Charge Against Antimicrobial Resistance: Partnering to Meet the Challenge.” The briefing will be held on October 24 from 12:00-1:00pm in 485 Russell Senate Office Building. Please [view the event website](#) for additional details and to RSVP.

9. National Summit on Acute Pain Management – October 24

The Illinois Surgical Quality Improvement Collaborative, based at Northwestern University will host the National Summit on Acute Pain Management on Thursday, October 24. The event will showcase how groups of physicians, payers, and quality improvement organizations can come together to improve health outcomes. The Summit will include an overview of the opioid epidemic, surgical overprescribing, the role of diversion and the importance of clinical guidelines; state-level examples of surgical opioid reduction initiatives; an insider’s Washington update on what the United States Congress and Trump Administration are doing to fight opioid abuse; and more. To register please visit <http://acutepainsummit.org/> or contact Jakara Eason at jeason@vennstrategies.com if you have questions.

10. NIH Fall Regional Seminar – November 6-8

The NIH is hosting the Fall 2019 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration in Phoenix, AZ, from Wednesday, November 6 through Friday, November 8. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about the program and to [register](#).

Job Postings

AACR Seeks Senior Manager, Congressional Relations

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) seeks an experienced professional to serve as Senior Manager of Congressional Relations in its Washington, DC office. This position plays an integral role in advancing the AACR's science policy and advocacy work on Capitol Hill. The position assists the Associate Director of Congressional Relations in the communication of the AACR's policy priorities and positions to congressional offices, develops persuasive and informational materials, assists in the development and execution of advocacy strategies, and coordinates special events such as Capitol Hill lobby days and congressional briefings. For more information and to apply, please visit the [AACR Career Portal](#).

HCM Strategists Seeks to Fill Three Positions to Support the *All of Us* Research Program

HCM Strategists seeks to fill three new positions to support our work as an engagement awardee to the National Institutes of Health *All of Us* Research Program, a historic effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the United States to accelerate research and improve health. HCM's engagement work is focused on ensuring that the *All of Us* participant community is reflective of the diversity of our country. We do this by reaching, educating and motivating communities historically underrepresented in biomedical research – directly and in partnership with key stakeholders and community influencers - to learn more about the program and enroll. [Please visit HCM's website](#) to learn more and apply for the Director, Stakeholder Engagement; Senior Associate, Community Engagement; and Project Manager positions.

FASEB Seeks Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) seeks an experienced professional to serve as Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives. The successful candidate will work across the FASEB departments and 29 member societies to implement FASEB's DEI Strategic Plan and the efforts of the DEI Committee. The DEI Manager will also play a critical role in outreach by establishing collaborations with FASEB member societies and related stakeholder organizations and contributing to FASEB communications activities. The position incorporates opportunities for highlighting DEI initiatives in FASEB's broader advocacy and policy efforts. More details are in the [position description](#) and the [application site](#).

FASEB Seeks Science Policy Analyst

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology seeks a Science Policy Analyst to spearhead its efforts related to research workforce and career development. Excellent opportunity for someone transitioning from bench to Beltway! Please see the complete [position description](#), and visit <https://bit.ly/2Sefl0u> or email a cover letter, CV/resume, and policy-oriented writing sample to resumes@faseb.org to apply.

Please Note: If you have information of interest to the NIH advocacy community that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Group, please forward it to Christa Wagner at chwagner@aamc.org or Tannaz Rasouli at trasouli@aamc.org.