



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

### *The Ad Hoc Group Fiscal Year 2025 Recommendation*

The 369 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, which includes organizations representing patients, scientists, health professionals, research and academic institutions, educators, and industry, recommends at least **\$51.303 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)**, which would represent a \$3.579 billion or 7.5% increase over the comparable FY 2024 funding level approved with bipartisan support by the Senate Appropriations Committee. This investment would allow NIH's base budget to keep pace with the biomedical research and development price index (BRDPI) and allow meaningful growth of roughly 5%.<sup>i</sup>

People everywhere benefit from medical research supported by the NIH, which serves as the **foundation for nearly every preventive intervention, diagnostic, treatment, and cure in practice today**. Each year, NIH awards over 60,000 grants that directly support more than 300,000 researchers across labs and other settings in **nearly every congressional district nationwide**.<sup>ii</sup> Their research is our best hope to overcome existing and emerging health threats, including cancer, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, diabetes, Parkinson's, and the full range of other diagnoses that patients, families, and communities face every day. To maximize the opportunities that medical research provides to improve health from urban centers to rural frontiers, we must ensure predictable, robust growth in NIH investment. Strong growth above BRDPI for the NIH provides critical support for additional research across the agency's diverse areas of study, conducted nationwide and through the NIH's 27 individual Institutes and Centers.

In addition to the health benefits that medical research promotes, the federal investment in this lifesaving work also has a **multiplier effect in local and regional economies**, catalyzes new industries, enhances the **U.S.'s global competitiveness**, promotes our **national security**, establishes viable career paths for the **next generation of scientists**, and generates additional **high-quality jobs in communities nationwide**.<sup>iii</sup> Researchers are driving economic activity, creating patents, and supporting the creation of new drugs.<sup>ii</sup>

Over the years, distinguished leaders and experts in medical research have recommended sustained real growth for the NIH through increases that exceed inflation by 4-6%.<sup>iv, v, vi, vii</sup> The Ad Hoc Group's FY 2025 recommendation would represent a step forward toward these objectives by expanding the NIH's capacity to make tangible progress against the wide range of diseases and conditions facing families and communities nationwide.

Additionally, in FY 2023, Congress authorized the newly established Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) as an autonomous agency within the NIH with \$1.5 billion to advance ARPA-H's unique focus on "high potential, high impact" research beyond what is traditionally supported by the NIH. In addition to the Ad Hoc Group's FY 2025 recommendation of at least \$51.303 billion for NIH's base budget, many of our organizations also have been engaging ARPA-H and separately support renewing the ARPA-H investment

in FY 2025. As this new entity ramps up its work in targeted research areas and its focus on accelerating the development of commercial products, our broad-based, national community of diverse stakeholders is unanimous in emphasizing that for ARPA-H to be maximally successful, any funding for ARPA-H should supplement, rather than supplant, the essential foundational investment in the NIH.

We are grateful to Congress for making meaningful annual funding growth for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a key, bipartisan national priority over the last decade. NIH-funded biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research improves our understanding of fundamental life and health sciences, equips the nation to combat both known and unprecedented health threats, and converts the hope of improved health into a reality for patients and their families.

We urge lawmakers to continue to support patients and discovery, to ensure a funding allocation for the Labor-HHS Subcommittee that allows for the necessary investment in NIH and other agencies that promote the health of our nation, and to work expeditiously to complete FY 2025 appropriations in a timely manner. Our nation's health depends on it.

### **369 Signatories as of March 11, 2024**

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health  
Academic Pediatric Association  
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research  
AcademyHealth  
Accessia Health  
ACT for NIH  
Allen Institute  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy  
ALS Association  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Anatomy  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
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 Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Neuromuscular and 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 Academic Addiction Medicine

American College of Cardiology  
American College of Clinical Pharmacology  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Rheumatology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Council on Education  
American Diabetes Association  
American Epilepsy Society  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Lung Association  
American Massage Therapy Association  
American Medical Women's Association  
American Neurological Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychological Association Services  
American Roentgen Ray Society  
American Sexual Health Association  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Society of Radiologic Technologists  
American Society of Transplantation  
American Thoracic Society  
American Urogynecologic Society  
Associated Medical Schools of New York  
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of Academic Psychiatrists

Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers  
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities  
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of University Radiologists  
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist  
Autism Speaks  
Autoimmune Association  
AVAC  
Barth Syndrome Foundation  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Benaroya Research Institute  
Biophysical Society  
Boston University  
Brain Aneurysm Foundation  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
Brown University  
California Life Sciences  
California Northstate University  
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
Cedars-Sinai  
Celiac Disease Foundation  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Children's Hospital Association  
Children's Hospital Colorado  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
ChristianaCare  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
Cleveland Clinic  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Coalition of Skin Diseases  
Colorectal Cancer Alliance  
Columbia University  
Community Oncology Alliance (COA)  
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Cornell University

Council of Graduate Schools  
Council on Social Work Education  
Cribs for Kids, Inc.  
Cure Alzheimer's Fund  
Cure HHT  
cureCADASIL  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Dartmouth Health  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Doheny Eye Institute  
Duke Health  
Duke University  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network, Inc.  
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation  
Emory University  
Endocrine Society  
Endometriosis Association  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsies Action Network  
Epilepsy Alliance America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Fabry Support & Information Group  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR)  
Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center  
Gastroparesis: Fighting for Change  
Gaucher Community Alliance  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Genetic Alliance  
Global Liver Institute  
GO2 for Lung Cancer  
Harvard University  
Hereditary Angioedema Association  
HIV Medicine Association  
Hope for Stomach Cancer  
Houston Methodist Hospital  
Huntington Medical Research Institutes  
Huntington's Disease Society of America  
Hydrocephalus Association  
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association  
Indiana University  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Bipolar Foundation  
International Essential Tremor Foundation

International Foundation for CDKL5 Research  
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM)  
International Society for Stem Cell Research  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
JDRF  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
John & Amy Mewhiney Cancer Foundation  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
Joslin Diabetes Center  
Kate Farms, Inc.  
Keck Medicine of USC  
Keck School of Medicine of USC  
KidneyCAN  
KrabbeConnect  
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)  
Lehigh University  
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University  
Loyola Medicine  
LSU Health New Orleans  
LUNgevity Foundation  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Lupus Research Alliance  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
March of Dimes  
Mass General Brigham  
M-CM Network  
MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation  
Medical Image Perception Society  
Medical Library Association  
Memorial Sloan Kettering  
MemorialCare Health System  
METAvivor  
Michigan State University  
MLD Foundation  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
Mount Sinai Health System  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
NANETS  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
National Ataxia Foundation  
National Brain Tumor Society  
National Eczema Association  
National Headache Foundation  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Postdoctoral Association  
National Psoriasis Foundation

National Scleroderma Foundation  
NBIA Disorders Association  
Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society  
New York State Academic Dental Centers  
North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging  
North American Vascular Biology Organization  
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition  
NYU Langone Health  
Old Dominion University  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Organic Acidemia Association  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Penn State University  
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition (PPCC)  
Personalized Medicine Coalition  
PINK Concussions  
Platelet Disorder Support Association  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness  
Prostate Cancer Foundation  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
PUSH for Empowered Pregnancy  
PXE International  
Radiological Society of North America  
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
RTI International  
Rural Minds  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Safe Kids Worldwide  
Salk Institute for Biological Studies  
Sanford Burnham Prebys  
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins  
Sjögren's Foundation  
Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention  
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Radiology  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society for Reproductive Investigation  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of Abdominal Radiology  
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine  
Society of Breast Imaging

Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging  
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound  
Society of Skeletal Radiology  
Society of Thoracic Radiology  
Society of Toxicology  
St. Baldrick's Foundation  
Stanford University  
StopAfib.org/American Foundation for Women's Health  
Susan G. Komen  
SYNGAP1 Foundation  
Texas A&M University Health Science Center  
Texas Biomedical Research Institute  
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
The Association of Bioethics Program Directors (ABPD)  
The Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
The FamilieSCN2A Foundation  
The George Washington University  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
The Scintillon Institute  
The Shock Society  
The Society for Advanced Body Imaging  
The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)  
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons  
The STARR Coalition  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston | UTHealth Houston  
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston  
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
The University of Virginia  
Triage Cancer  
TSC Alliance  
Tufts University  
Tulane University School of Medicine  
UC Irvine  
UC San Diego  
UC San Diego Health Sciences  
UC Santa Cruz  
UCLA  
UMass Chan Medical School  
United for Medical Research  
University of California Riverside  
University of California System  
University of California, San Francisco  
University of Chicago Medical Center  
University of Cincinnati



University of Cincinnati College of Medicine  
University of Colorado System  
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Colorado Colorado Springs  
University of Colorado Denver  
University of Florida CTSI  
University of Illinois College of Medicine  
University of Iowa  
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine  
University of Michigan  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine  
University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center  
University of North Carolina System  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California  
University of Utah Health  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health  
UsAgainstAlzheimer's  
USF Health Morsani College of Medicine  
Usher Syndrome Coalition  
UTHealth Houston | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
UVA Health  
Vanderbilt University  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
VentureWell  
Versiti Wisconsin, Inc.  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
wAIHA Warriors  
Washington State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
West Virginia University  
Yale University

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<sup>i</sup> As of February 13, 2024, the most current FY 2025 projection for BRDPI (updated February 2023) was 2.5%.

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