



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on President's FY 2022 Budget Request

May 28, 2021 – *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) 2022 budget request released today:*

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is thrilled to see President Biden propose a bold, historic funding level for the NIH overall in FY 2022, to amplify and build on the irreplaceable role of medical research in improving health and inspiring hope for patients and their families in the U.S. and around the globe.

In particular, we are grateful that the President recognizes the importance of sustaining strong increases in the NIH base budget to support foundational research discoveries across the agency's broad portfolio. [The nearly 400 organizations and institutions representing patients, clinicians, scientists, educators, academic and research institutions, and industry in the Ad Hoc Group](#) have recommended no less than \$46.1 billion for the NIH's base program level funding in FY 2022, and we look forward to working with lawmakers to build on the President's proposal toward this goal. Additionally, our community welcomes opportunities to engage with the Administration and Congress regarding the proposed Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). To advance the transformative mission of this and other targeted initiatives – and the NIH overall – it will be critical to ensure that funds supplement, rather than supplant, the core investment in NIH.

We remain concerned about the lingering \$16 billion impact of the coronavirus pandemic on medical research progress in all disease areas, and especially on the research workforce, as highlighted by Dr. Collins' recent testimony before the Senate Labor-HHS Subcommittee. The Ad Hoc Group urges Congress to provide supplemental resources, for example, as outlined in the RISE Act, that would allow the NIH to rebuild and further enhance the nation's strong and diverse research workforce infrastructure and also continue to expand its investment in new research to provide better health for patients.

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.