



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Francis Collins, MD, PhD  
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National Institutes of Health  
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Dear Dr. Collins:

I write on behalf of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research to congratulate you on 10 years of exemplary service as the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research represents over 300 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry, dedicated to enhancing the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research supported by the NIH. As diverse members of the NIH advocacy community, we applaud your service in directing the world's premier medical research agency and fostering the lifesaving research at the "National Institutes of Hope."

People around the world are living longer and healthier lives as a result of both your own research over the course of your career and the groundbreaking research supported by the NIH during your tenure as director. The nation is fortunate to have you at the helm of this vital agency that has a direct impact on every American.

Under your leadership, NIH-funded scientists and clinicians have been awarded 30 Nobel Prizes and continue to produce some of the world's most creative scientific findings leading to new treatments and cures, and healthier lives for patients. Many novel therapies have been developed under the scope of the several interdisciplinary research initiatives that you have envisioned and implemented within the NIH, in partnership with other federal agencies, and with the private sector. Your passion, enthusiasm, and skill in inspiring researchers is matched only by your impressive ability to connect with the public, joining the nation together in support of the NIH, the world's premier medical research enterprise.

Your ongoing efforts to promote a diverse and inclusive workforce are also significant to the field. By emphasizing the importance of a strong pipeline of future researchers, you continue to persuade bright minds to remain in science, and by engaging the nation's youth, you spark their scientific curiosity and encourage them to explore a career in science.

We look forward to continuing to work together to demonstrate the importance of our nation's investment in biomedical research, improve the lives of patients, and train and mentor future generations of scientists. Your legacy of scientific expertise and leadership will surely endure for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Tannaz Rasouli  
Executive Director