

# Director's Update

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# NINR Updates



# UNLOCKING THE POWER OF NURSING RESEARCH TO IMPROVE LIVES

# Community-Partnered Nursing Research Centers (P20 Clinical Trial Optional) PAR-25-439

## Purpose

- Support the development of innovative research centers to foster nursing-led programs that promote community-partnered research to address persistent health challenges.



## Next application due date

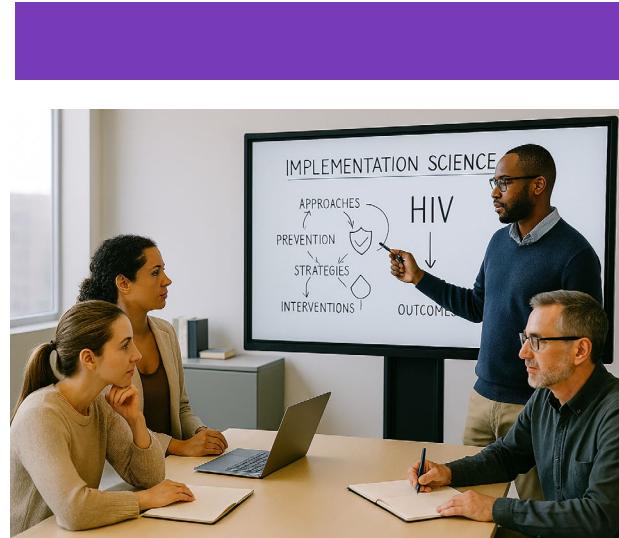
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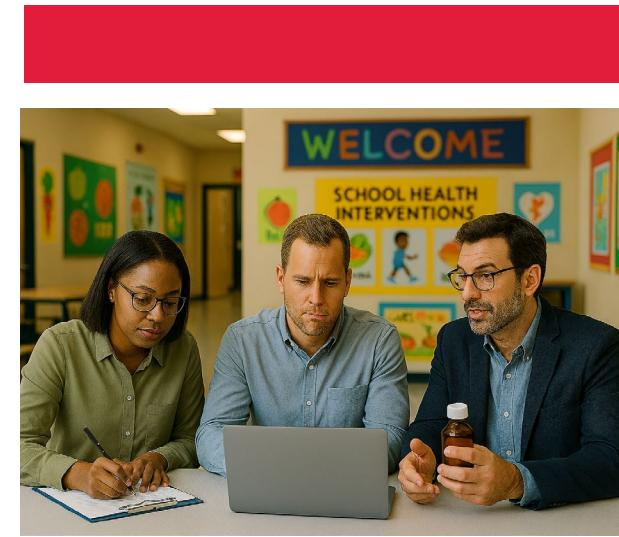
## Strengthening Biomedical Research, Promoting Trust, and Improving Health through Bioethics Research

to advance bioethics research projects that are actionable, build trust, and enable better integration of bioethical principles into biomedical and behavioral research



## Implementation Science to Optimize HIV Prevention and Treatment

to advance innovative strategies to deliver biomedical prevention and treatment options toward ending the HIV epidemic



## School Mental and Behavioral Health: Expanding Access to Evidence-Based Interventions and Services

focus on optimizing and testing school-based mental and behavioral health interventions and service delivery models

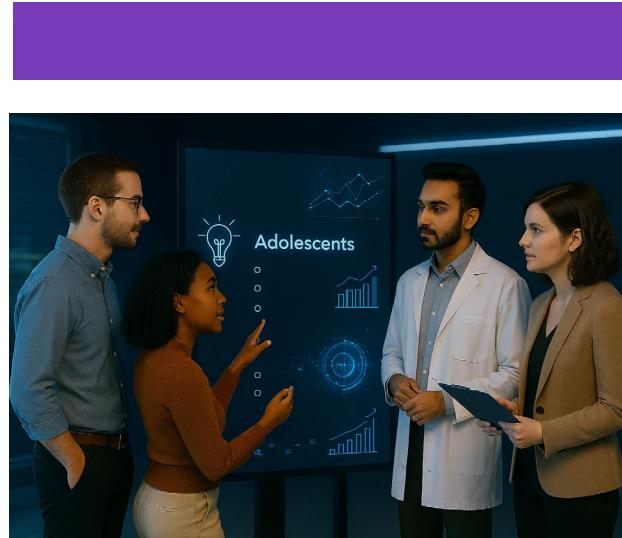
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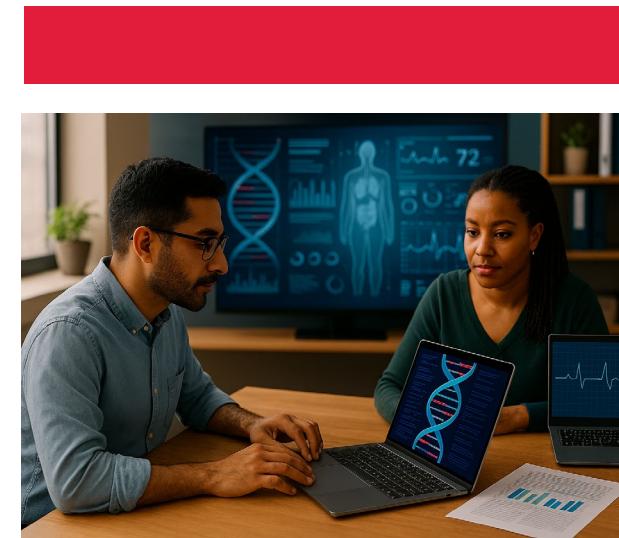
## Research on the Transition from Pediatric to Adult Health Care

encourages applications aimed at linking HCT practices to improved health and well-being outcomes for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs



## Advancing Prevention and Treatment of Bacterial Sexually Transmitted Infections in HIV-Affected Populations

to solicit research on bacterial sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in adolescent and maternal populations affected by HIV



## Advancing the Use of Genomic Information Into Clinical Care

to promote research that improves health by generating genomic evidence and/or implementing genomic findings into healthcare

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# Recent High-Impact Research from NINR-Funded Grants

Advancing Rigor, Relevance, and Real-World Impact

## Nursing Resources & Dementia Outcomes

- Population-level evidence linking nursing resources to mortality among individuals with dementia
- Observational, policy-relevant analysis

## Severe Maternal Morbidity

- Identifies recurrence risk and structural drivers across populations and care settings
- Population-based epidemiologic studies

## Postpartum Blood Pressure Management

- Comprehensive strategy improving early postpartum
- Blood pressure control Randomized controlled trial

## Care Partner Support After TBI

- Scalable mHealth intervention improving caregiver outcomes
- Randomized controlled trial

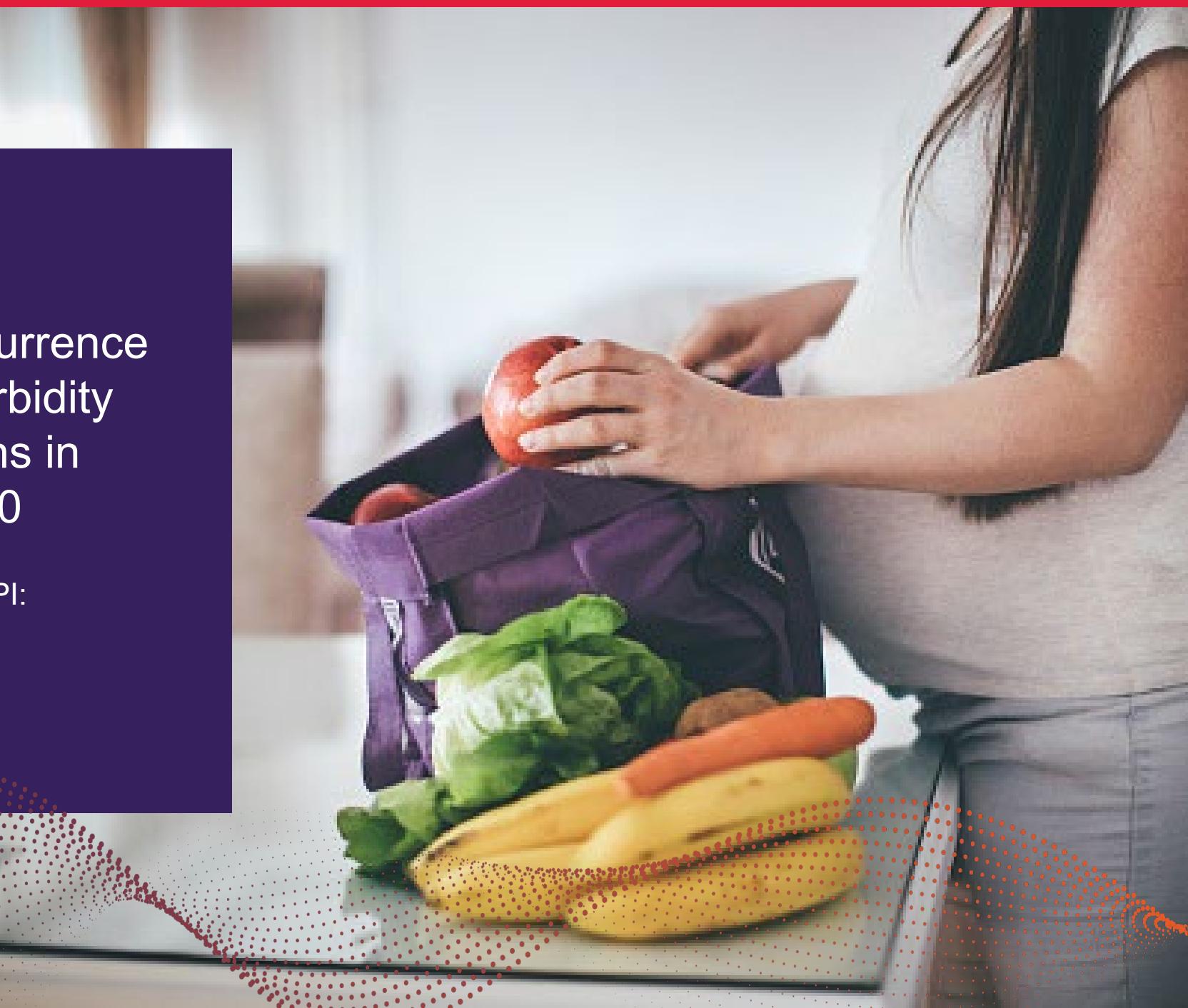
# Mortality Among the Dementia Population in Not-For-Profit Hospitals with Better Nursing Resources

T32 NR007104 PI: Aiken, Linda;  
R01 NR014855 PI:McHugh/Aiken



# Risk factors for the recurrence of severe maternal morbidity in first and second births in California, 1997 to 2020

R01 NR017020; R01 NR020335 PI:  
Carmichael, Suzan



# Comprehensive blood pressure management to improve early postpartum blood pressure parameters: A randomized controlled trial.

R21 NR020857 PI: Osmundson, Sarah



# Improving Outcomes for Care Partners of Individuals With Traumatic Brain Injury: Results for a mHealth Randomized Control Trial of the CareQOL App

R01 NR013658 PI: Carlozzi, Noelle E.



# Appropriations History

## Dollars in Thousands

	<b>FY 2022 (Omnibus)</b>	<b>FY 2023 (Omnibus)</b>	<b>FY 2024 (Omnibus)</b>	<b>FY 2025 (Full-Year C.R.)</b>
<b>NINR</b>	3.4% \$180,862	9.3% \$197,693	0.0% \$197,693	0.0% \$197,693
<b>NIH</b>	5.2% \$45,182,990	5.5% \$47,683,485	2.5% \$48,856,467	-0.7% \$48,499,808
<b>Bill signed</b>	3/15/22	12/29/22	3/23/24	3/15/25

FY 2023 Appropriated amount does not include AIDS Transfer  
FY 2024 Appropriated amount does not include AIDS Transfer  
FY 2025 Appropriated amount does not include AIDS Transfer



# NINR Budget Updates



*On November 12, 2025, the President signed H.R. 5371, the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026.*

*This Continuing Resolution (C.R.) bill provides a portion of the FY2025 funding level for continuing activities through January 30, 2026, or the enactment of the applicable appropriations act. This bill provides \$15.1 billion for NIH through January 30, 2026.*

## FY2026 C.R. through January 30, 2026

NINR Total	\$66.1M
NIH Total	\$15.1B

# Administrative Updates



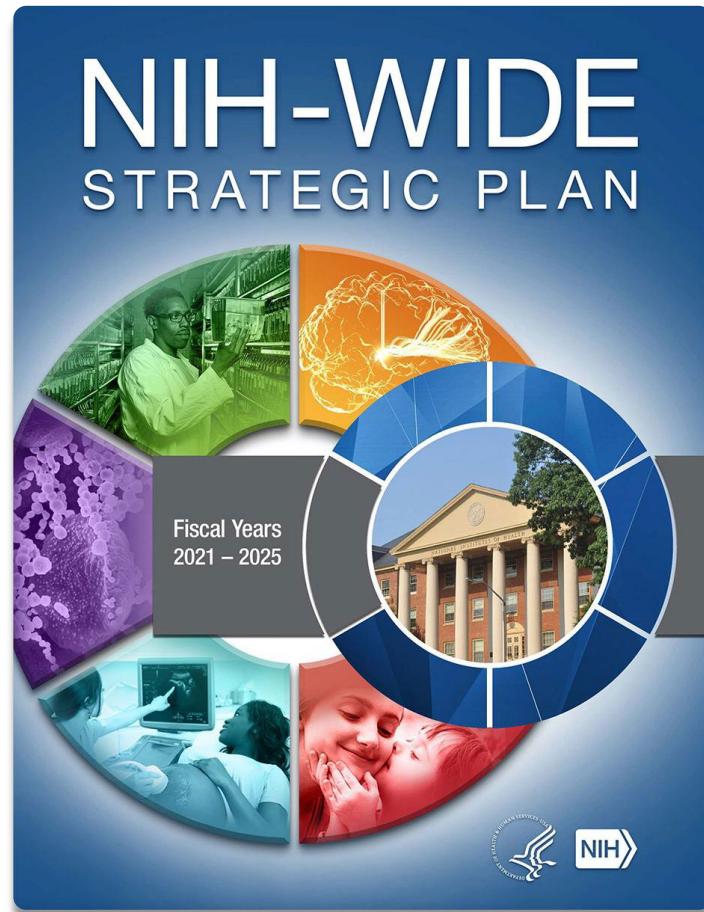
## NINR is a team player

Optimizing space  
Technical support  
Enabling discovery



# NIH Updates

# NIH-Wide Strategic Plan Update



- ▶ Current plan was launched in July 2021 and was intended to guide NIH's vision for research until September 2025.
- ▶ NIH-wide efforts are underway to release a new strategic plan aligned with current priorities.
- ▶ NINR is starting the process of updating its own strategic plan, which will be informed by the updated NIH-wide plan.

# NIH OD Leadership Staffing Updates

Dr. Jon Lorsch  
Deputy Director of Extramural  
Research

Dr. Rick Woychik  
Senior Advisor to the NIH  
Director

Dr. Alissa Meister  
Director of the NIH Executive  
Secretariat

Dr. Nicole C. Kleinstreuer  
Deputy Director, Program  
Coordination, Planning, and  
Strategic Initiatives

# NIH Leadership Staffing Updates

## Retiring ICO Directors

Dr. Helen M. Langevin, Director,  
National Center for  
Complementary and Integrative  
Health

Dr. Walter J. Koroshetz, Director,  
National Institute of Neurological  
Disorders and Stroke

Dr. Gary H. Gibbons, Director,  
National Heart, Lung and Blood  
Institute

## New ICO Directors

Dr. Anthony Letai, Director,  
National Cancer Institute

Dr. Kyle Walsh, Director,  
National Institute of  
Environmental Health  
Sciences

# NINR Director Job Posting

- Applications accepted from Sept. 29 to Dec. 12, 2025

# NIH is Hiring Director level positions

- Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (**NICHD**)
- Director within the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (**NIDCR**)
- Director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (**NIGMS**)
- Director for Intramural Research (**DDIR**)
- Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute (**NHGRI**)
- Director within the National Library of Medicine (**NLM**)
- Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (**NIMHD**)
- Director within the National Institute of Nursing Research (**NINR**)
- Director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (**NCCIH**)
- Director position in the Fogarty International Center (**FIC**)
- Director of the Center for Scientific Review (**CSR**)
- Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (**NIAID**)

# From the Office of the NIH Director

## Roadmap for Engaging the Public as Partners in Clinical Research

<https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/nih-director/statements/roadmap-engaging-public-partners-clinical-research>

### Novel and Exceptional Technology and Research Advisory Committee

A Report of the Engaging the Public  
as Partners in Clinical Research  
(ENGAGE) Working Group

November 2025



# Leveraging Funding Policies (NIH Director's Statement)

**Vision:** Consistent and unified NIH-wide approach for funding the most meritorious science, addressing health priorities, and supporting a robust biomedical workforce.

## Core Tenets of ICO Funding Policies:

Align with NIH's and ICO's stated mission and strategic priorities.

Prioritize scientific merit, program relevance and program balance.

Incorporate the breadth of the ICO's research portfolio and approaches.

Consider investigator career stage and sustainability of the biomedical research workforce.

Consider the total amount of NIH funding available to the investigator to promote distribution of funding.

Align with the availability of funds from the ICO.

# Implementing the Unified NIH Funding Strategy to Guide Consistent and Clearer Award Decisions (continued)

## Goals:

- Help guide clearer and consistent funding decisions across all Institutes, Centers, and Offices (ICOs)
- Strengthen accountability for research NIH supports
- Weigh the actual need, opportunity costs, and good stewardship of taxpayer investments
- Make NIH's research portfolio more robust

**Effective January 2026 Council round**

**Nexus Article for More**

# NIH Policy Updates



Removal of Requirements for Letters of Intent and Unsolicited Applications Requesting \$500,000 or More in Direct Costs



Reopening of NIH Extramural Activities Following the 2025 Lapse in Appropriations



NIH's Implementation of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch



Compliance Requirements for NIH Extramural Recipients Related to Renegotiated Aims, Objectives, Titles, and Abstracts



NIH Requires Use of the eRA Prior Approval Module for the Submission of ALL Prior Approval Requests



Supporting Fairness and Originality in NIH Research Applications



To view all NIH policy change notices: <https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/notice-of-policy-changes>

# Thank You!

