**NINR News Release: New Brochure Highlights the Benefits of Palliative Care**

Dealing with the symptoms of a serious illness is difficult. A new brochure produced by NINR, “Palliative Care: The Relief You Need When You’re Experiencing the Symptoms of Serious Illness,” explains in easy-to-understand language what palliative care is, who it benefits, and how it works. The brochure also addresses certain misconceptions about palliative care, such as that it is only for the dying.

Although often seen as an end-of-life protocol, “palliative care provides relief to patients dealing with chronic illnesses as well, including AIDS, cystic fibrosis, and diseases of the heart, lungs, and kidneys,” noted Dr. Patricia A. Grady, the NINR Director. “Our goal is to increase the number of provider-patient conversations about palliative care resources, so that fewer patients suffer needlessly from pain and distressing symptoms.”


To download a free PDF version of the palliative care brochure, please visit: [www.ninr.nih.gov](http://www.ninr.nih.gov).

To order print copies (up to 25), please email info@ninr.nih.gov or call 301-496-0207. For orders greater than 25, please supply a shipping account number (e.g., FedEx, UPS, USPS) with your order. There is no charge for the brochures, but shipping costs for orders greater than 25 will be charged to the requestor’s account.

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**Upcoming Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research**

The 70th meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) is scheduled for January 19, 2010. The Open Session will be held from 1 p.m. — 5 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

This meeting will feature an update of NINR activities and an overview of the NINR Intramural Research Programs, as well as a presentation by NIH Director Dr. Francis S. Collins. The full meeting agenda is available at: [http://www.ninr.nih.gov/NR/rdonlyres/7DA65063-9A0C-4724-BFE0-1500EF5CAFAF/0/AgendaDraftv4_2_.pdf](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/NR/rdonlyres/7DA65063-9A0C-4724-BFE0-1500EF5CAFAF/0/AgendaDraftv4_2_.pdf).

The NACNR meets three times a year to provide recommendations on the direction and support of the nursing, biomedical, social, and behavioral research that forms the evidence base for nursing practice.


**New Due Date for Applications to the 2010 Graduate Partnerships Program**

The NINR Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) is a doctoral fellowship training program that coordinates training and funding for doctoral students attending a school of nursing supported by an NINR-funded Institutional Research Training (T32) grant. The program combines the academic environment of a university and the breadth and depth of research at NIH. To be eligible for the NINR GPP, the applicant must currently attend (or be accepted to) a school of nursing with an NINR-funded T32 Institutional Training grant.

**Please note the new application due date for the 2010 NINR GPP: January 31, 2010.**

To complete an online application for the NINR GPP, use the NIH Graduate Partnerships Program application system located at: [https://gpp-nih.symplicity.com](https://gpp-nih.symplicity.com).

Please view the complete application instructions available at: [www.ninr.nih.gov/training/GPP](http://www.ninr.nih.gov/training/GPP).

For questions about the NINR GPP, please contact:

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The 2010 NINR Summer Genetics Institute

The NINR Summer Genetics Institute (SGI) is an intensive program featuring lecture and hands-on laboratory training designed to provide graduate students, nursing faculty, and advanced practice nurses with a foundation in molecular genetics for use in research and clinical practice.

NINR is pleased to share that we will continue to sponsor the SGI on the NIH campus. The SGI will now be administered by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences at NIH as one of their Bio-Trac Courses, taught by active scientists and has been condensed from two months to one. The program, which is being held June 7 – July 2, 2010, will provide an eight credit-hour doctoral level course in molecular genetics for faculty, post-doctoral fellows, doctoral students, and advanced practice nurses.

Applicants should have strong academic and leadership abilities, excellent writing skills, and the potential to contribute significantly to nursing research. The brochure for the 2010 SGI is available at: http://www.ninr.nih.gov/sgibrochure. The on-line application, as well as application instructions and more information, are available at: http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Training/SGI.

Application due date for the Summer 2010 SGI: December 31, 2009.

NINR Seeks Candidates for Program Director in Palliative Care and End of Life or Life Limiting Illness Research

NINR is seeking candidates with professional experience in or related to the science of Palliative Care and End of Life or Life Limiting Illness research to serve as Health Scientist Administrator (HSA)/Program Director in the Division of Extramural Activities (DEA). The successful candidate will join a team of highly skilled, professional scientists who support and conduct clinical and basic research and research training on health and illness across the lifespan. The research focus encompasses health promotion and disease prevention, quality of life, self-management, symptom management, care-giving, health disparities, and end-of-life. NINR is particularly interested in those with expertise in palliative care and end-of-life or expertise in life limiting illness or bioethical research.


2010 NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants

For 2010, NIH announces two Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants. One will be held in Philadelphia, PA, April 14-16, 2010, and the other in Portland, OR, June 23-25, 2010. More than 25 HHS and NIH policy experts, as well as grants management, review and program staff, will be on hand to provide a broad array of expertise on the latest NIH grants policy and process information. In addition, the popular NIH electronic Research Administration (eRA) computer workshops will be offered, providing attendees with hands-on experience on how to interact electronically with NIH. Anyone interested in the NIH grants process, including sponsored project office and departmental administrators, principal investigators, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students, should consider attending.

These seminars provide an opportunity for participants to gain a better perspective of NIH policies and programs, network with hundreds of their peers, obtain helpful NIH contacts, and to return to their offices or labs with inside information into obtaining and managing NIH awards. As these seminars are only provided twice a year around the country, they traditionally reach capacity prior to the event, so please register early.

Philadelphia, PA, April 14-16, 2010: Registration will open in mid-December 2009. eRA computer workshops will be offered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. This seminar is co-hosted by the University of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson University.

Portland, OR, June 23-25, 2010: Registration will open mid-January 2010. eRA computer workshops will be offered on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. This seminar is co-hosted by Oregon Health & Science University.

For additional information, see NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-10-025 and visit the NIH Regional Seminar Web Page.
First Human Embryonic Stem Cell Lines Approved Under New NIH Guidelines

NIH recently announced the approval of the first 13 human embryonic stem cell (hESC) lines for use in NIH-funded research under the NIH Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research adopted in July 2009.

“I am happy to say that we now have human embryonic stem cell lines eligible for use by our research community under our new stem cell policy,” NIH Director Dr. Collins said. “In accordance with the guidelines, these stem cell lines were derived from embryos that were donated under ethically sound informed consent processes. More lines are under review now, and we anticipate continuing to expand this list of responsibly derived lines eligible for NIH funding.”


For additional information on stem cells and NIH research, please visit: http://stemcells.nih.gov.

NIH Holds First “Engaging the Public in Research Week”

In October, NINR and NIH leaders, members of the NIH Director’s Council of Public Representatives (COPR) and other community members, as well as NINR/NIH grantees, participated in inaugural “Engaging the Public in Research Week.” This event highlighted the importance of community partnerships in biomedical research. As NINR Director Dr. Grady reflected during her opening remarks at the Partners in Research (PIR) investigator workshop, which kicked off the week’s activities, “We at NIH firmly believe that engaging the public [in research] is not merely an option, but a necessity.” Dr. Howard Koh, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, echoed these remarks as he noted that developing community partnerships in research is “where we must go in this country.”


To learn more about the Public Trust Initiative and its PIR program, please visit: http://publictrust.nih.gov.

To learn more about COPR, please visit: http://copr.nih.gov/index.asp.

NIH Welcomes Proposals for 2010 NIH Director’s Transformative Research Projects Program

A major goal of the NIH is to foster bold and creative investigator-initiated research. In pursuit of this goal, the Transformative Research Projects Program was created under the auspices of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research to enhance submission and support of exceptionally innovative, high-risk, original and/or unconventional research that has the potential to have a profound impact in clinical, basic or behavioral/social science arenas.

NIH Roadmap Transformative Research Awards provide up to $25 million total costs per year for a single project. The NIH encourages applications for the Transformative Research Projects Program from scientists representing all disciplines relevant to the NIH mission, including the biological, behavioral, clinical, social, physical, chemical, computational, engineering, and mathematical sciences. Interdisciplinary teams as well as individual investigators with bold ideas are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for submitting Transformative Research Project applications is January 22, 2010, with Letters of Intent due by December 22, 2009. See the instructions in the RFA (RFA-RM-09-022).

Additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions about the Transformative Research Projects Program, is available at: http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/T-R01.

For questions, please contact: T_R01@mail.nih.gov.
OBSSR Summer Training Institute on Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral Interventions

The NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research announces its Summer Training Institute on Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral Interventions, to be held July 11 – 23, 2010. The objective of this training institute is to provide a thorough grounding in the conduct of randomized clinical trials to researchers and health professionals interested in developing competence in the planning, design, and execution of randomized clinical trials involving behavioral interventions. For more information, please visit: http://obssr.od.nih.gov/training_and_education/annual_Randomized_Clinical_Trials_course/RCT_info.aspx

The application due date is January 15, 2010. All application materials must be submitted online.

For the application form and instructions, please visit: http://blsweb.net/obssrapp2attend2010/.

NIH Seeks Public Input on Consumer Health Information Needs

The NIH Office of Communications and Public Liaison and the NIH Director’s Council of Public Representatives have partnered to develop a Consumer Health Information Request for Information (RFI) in response to a directive by President Obama calling for greater transparency, public participation, and collaboration from all federal agencies.

In conjunction with the NIH goals for public input and effective dissemination of science-based health resources and information to the public, the RFI will provide insight into and better understanding of the health information needs and information-seeking behaviors of NIH health consumer audiences. Information gathered will assist the agency in developing and disseminating health, medical, and scientific information to a broader variety of audiences.

Responses will be accepted through December 30, 2009.

For more information about the RFI or to provide comments, please visit: https://nihhealthinforfi.cit.nih.gov/index.asp. Responses in English may be submitted on the web, by email, or by postal mail. A response form in Spanish may be downloaded from the web site and submitted by email or postal mail.

Comments Requested on Proposed Objectives for Healthy People 2020

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services invites public comments on the draft set of objectives for Healthy People 2020. For three decades, Healthy People has provided a set of national 10-year health promotion and disease prevention objectives aimed at improving the health of all Americans.

Please visit www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments to:

- View proposed draft objectives for Healthy People 2020
- Comment on the proposed objectives
- Comment on the topic areas
- Suggest additional objectives
- Make a general comment.

Public comments will help ensure that issues important to all constituents are included in Healthy People 2020. Establishing objectives and providing benchmarks to track progress motivates, guides, and focuses action. Comments will be accepted through December 31, 2009.

Current Funding Opportunity Announcements and Notices

All current NINR Funding Opportunity Announcements, including Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs), as well as Notices of interest from NIH, are available on the NINR web site at: http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/FundingOpportunities/default.htm.

These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html.