

THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on Medical Research Week Resolution

September 16, 2025 – The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the introduction of H.Res.708, which would recognize the contributions of medical research supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in improving health and well-bring and observing "Medical Research Week" from September 15 through September 19, 2025.

"Medical research supported by the NIH turns the hope of improved health into reality for patients, their families, and all Americans across the country. We thank Representatives André Carson (D-Ind.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.), Lloyd Smucker (R-Pa.), and Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio) for once again introducing this resolution to underscore the vital role medical research plays across the nation.

Through events this week such as the Rally for Medical Research, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's Annual Leadership Summit and Lobby Day, Research!America's National Health Research Forum, and the 2025 Golden Goose Awards Ceremony, advocates nationwide will be urging Congress to continue to advance the nation's commitment to medical research. Additionally, countless other events and advocacy activities have and will continue to take place throughout Medical Research Month this September, demonstrating the vital role of NIH-supported research across conditions, diseases, and health challenges Americans face every day.

We are encouraged that both the House and Senate spending bills have proposed increases for NIH, reflecting strong bipartisan support for the critical importance of medical research. NIH-supported research drives progress in treatments and cures that improve patients' health and well-being, strengthens local economies, and secures America's global leadership in research and innovation.

As we commemorate Medical Research Week, we are reminded that NIH-supported science offers hope to patients, families, and communities every single day. We urge lawmakers to join in support of this resolution and to ensure strong, sustained growth for the NIH in this fiscal year and beyond."

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of over 500 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.