



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on President's FY 2027 Budget Proposal

April 3, 2026 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the proposed \$41.4 billion funding level for the National Institutes of Health in the President's fiscal year (FY) 2027 budget request released April 3:*

The FY 2027 President's budget request for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) would inexplicably scale back medical research that improves patient health and well-being and saves lives. The President's proposal to dramatically reduce funding for NIH by roughly \$6 billion or 12 percent would undermine progress on innovative research to develop treatments and cures for patients nationwide, further diminish our already narrowing global leadership in medical research, and eliminate opportunities for top talent to pursue careers in making the next generation of groundbreaking discoveries. At a time when sustained investment is essential, such an extreme reduction would only deepen existing challenges and slow the pace of scientific advancement. Just as importantly, such a proposal directly contradicts the expectations of Americans nationwide, with recent polls showing [nearly two-thirds of voters objecting to substantial cuts to medical research](#).

For decades, bipartisan leaders in Congress have recognized the importance of federal investments in medical research, allowing NIH to support science that leads to healthier patients, robust economic returns, and a more competitive nation. Now is not the time to retreat. Our community of nearly 600 organizations representing patients, researchers, clinicians, and other stakeholders urges Congress to support meaningful, sustained growth for NIH in FY 2027 [with at least \\$51.3 billion for NIH's baseline](#) to keep pace with scientific opportunity and inflation.

We also urge the Administration to act with urgency to eliminate any disruptions, delays, and unnecessary administrative barriers that may prevent NIH from fully and expeditiously expending its appropriations on the most promising, meritorious research proposals approved through the peer review process. We are grateful to the NIH staff who worked tirelessly in FY 2025 to ensure funding was obligated before the end of the fiscal year, and we encourage the agency to resume a more stable pace of spending in FY 2026. Additionally, while our community acknowledges opportunities to optimize NIH, any structural or operational reforms must be grounded in the principle of strengthening, not destabilizing, the nation's medical research enterprise. There are no voices advocating for fewer cures or slower progress, and policymakers should avoid imposing changes that risk undermining the system without full evaluation and input.

The Ad Hoc Group looks forward to continuing to work with lawmakers to ensure better health for patients in FY 2027 and beyond.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of nearly 600 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.