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What is NIH doing for Neurology?


University of Rochester *Goldberg 50th Anniversary Lecture*


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Congratulations University of Rochester Neurology!


- Since its origins in 1966 with six faculty members, the department has grown to include **over 100 faculty members**, 24 adult neurology residents, 6 child neurology residents, 14 fellows, 15 advanced practice providers and over 100 staff members.
- Goldberg Lecture










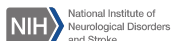


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Investments in Research at University of Rochester



Actively Funded Investments:

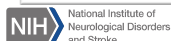
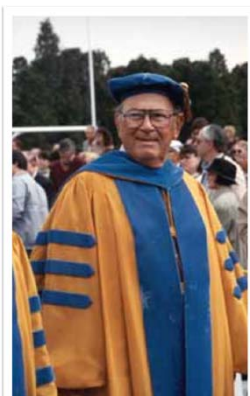
- NIH Funding: \$197.6 M
- NINDS Funding: \$13.3 M

NINDS supports a range of basic and applied research projects, including:

- Parkinson's Disease
- Epilepsy
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Glial Biology
- Ischemic Injury
- Neural Circuits
- Neuroinflammatory Response to HIV
- Blood Brain Barrier

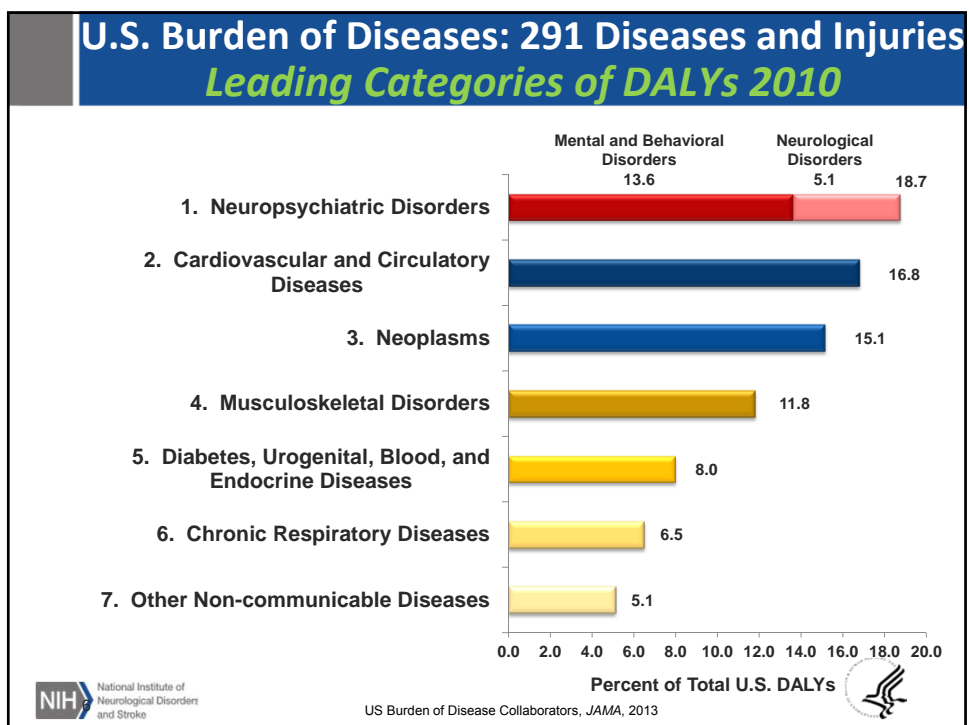


Emanuel and Nathalie Goldberg



- Nathalie Levey Goldberg, Class of 1939
- Emanuel Goldberg, Class of 1932
 - M.S. in Chemistry 1933
 - Developed the first plastic pipet jars
 - Founded Nalge Company (currently Nalgene Nunc) in 1949 in Rochester, New York
 - Trustee of the University of Rochester, Eastman Dental Center until his death in 1999

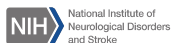




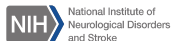
The Challenge for the 21st Century

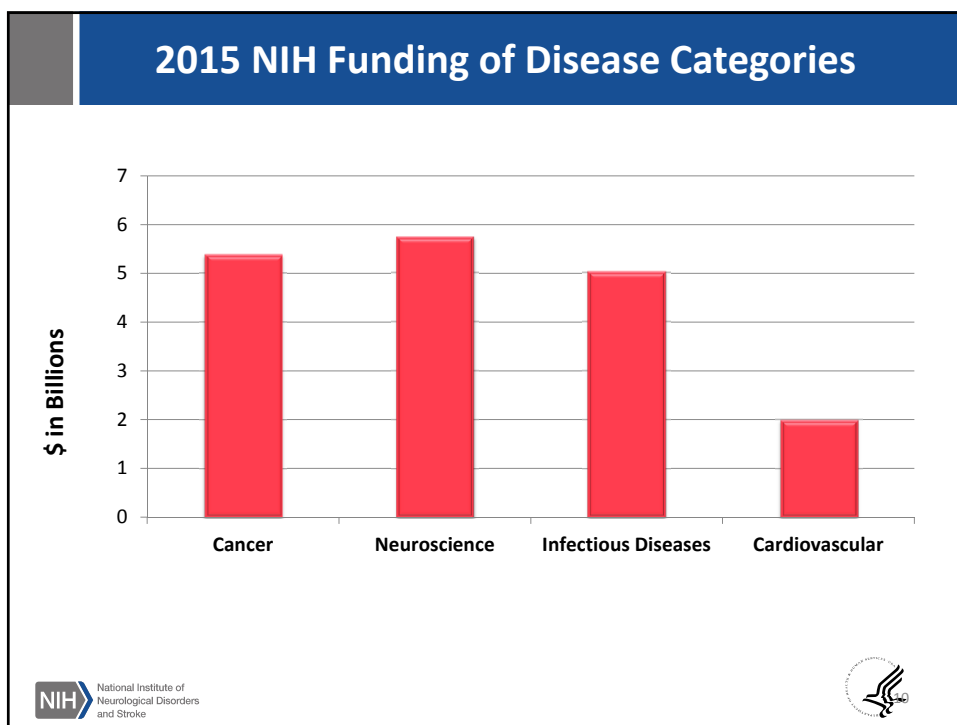
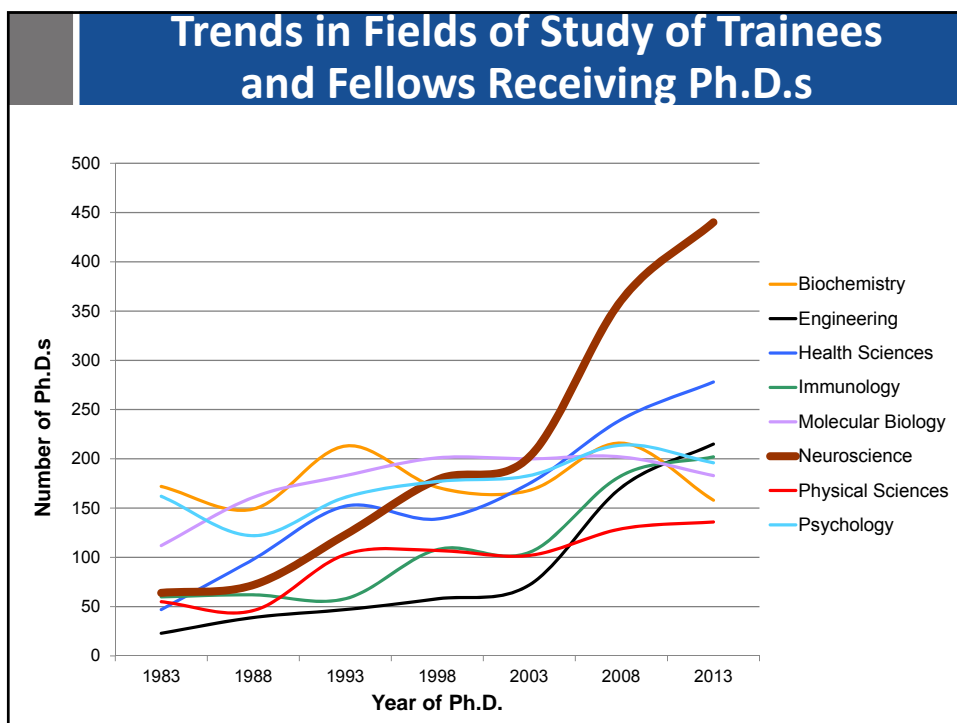
Brain disorders – both neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative – will be the **most disabling and most costly** of the chronic diseases—they will be in the 21st century what infectious diseases were in the 20th century.

We do NOT know enough about how brain circuits function and how they dysfunction to cause disability for persons with neuro/mental/substance abuse disorders.

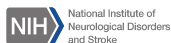
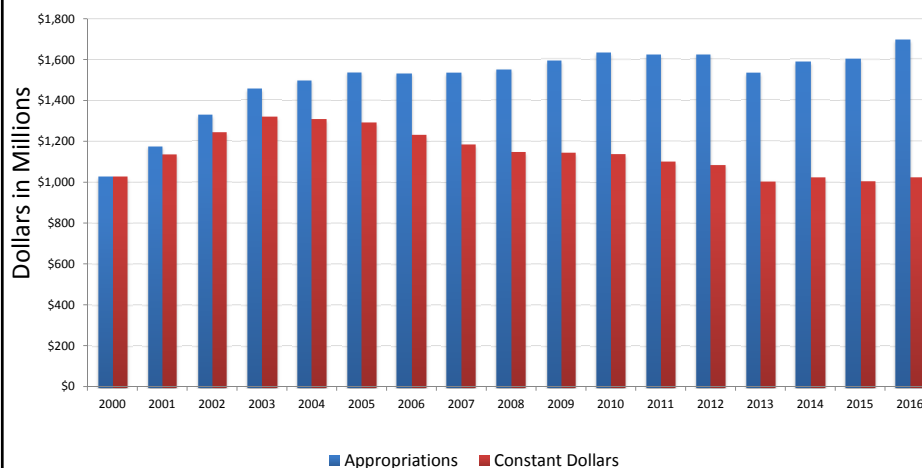


Public Interest in Brain Research is Growing





Decline in NINDS Purchasing Power



Adjustment Factor based on Biomedical Pricing Index (BRDPI)

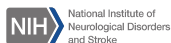


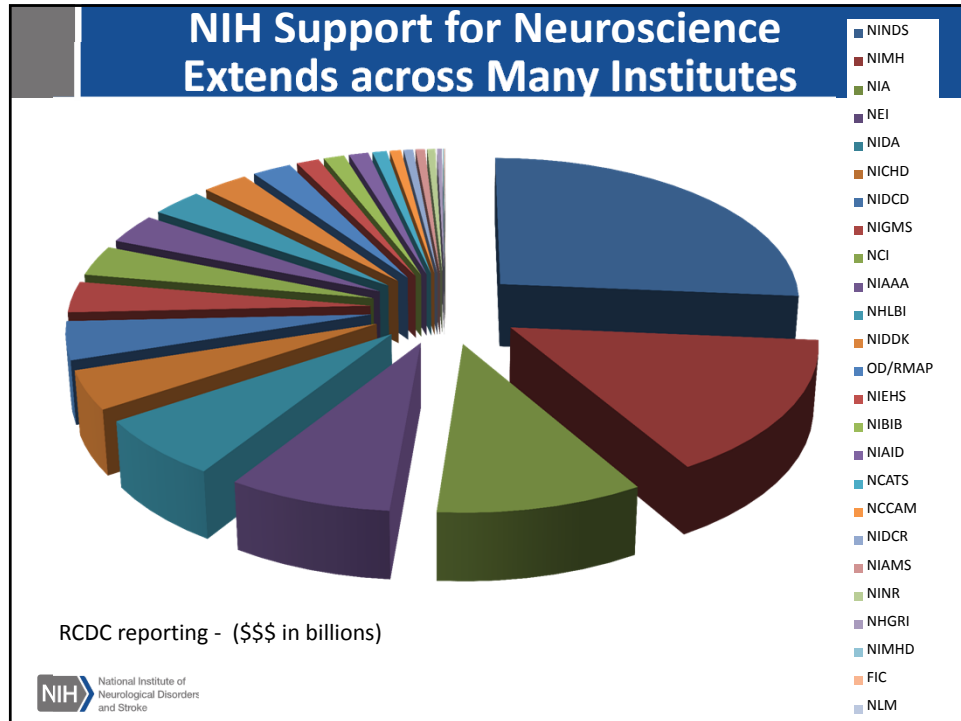
Senate L-HHS-Ed Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing:

“NIH: Investing in a Healthier Future”



- October 7, 2015
- Witnesses: NIH Director; directors from NINDS, NIGMS, NCI, NIDDK, NIDA
- Chairman Blunt asked witnesses to talk about their research programs and how to increase opportunities and training for young investigators
- Several broad themes emerged
 - What would you do if you had \$2-3 billion more money?
 - Ramifications of a Continuing Resolution (e.g. on PMI, BRAIN)
 - Importance of increasing opportunities for young scientists to ensure future discoveries and sustain economic benefits of biomedical research
 - Balance of funding across various diseases at NIH (e.g. HIV)





NIH Blueprint

for Neuroscience Research

NIH Neuroscience Blueprint:

*Multiple ICs
Working Together
to Advance
Neuroscience*

Appropriation History (Dollars in Billions)

| | FY 2013 | FY2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 PB | FY 2017 House | FY 2017 Senate |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| NINDS | \$1.534 | \$1.589 | \$1.605 | \$1.695 | \$1.695 | \$1.751 | \$1.803 |
| NINDS % Change | -5.6% | 3.6% | 1.0% | 5.6% | 0.0% | 3.3% | 6.4% |
| NIH | \$29.2 | \$30.2 | \$30.3 | \$32.3 | \$33.1 | \$33.3 | \$34.1 |
| NIH % Change | -5.5% | 3.4% | 0.5% | 6.6%* | 2.6% | 3.1% | 5.5% |

*minus the BRAIN funds = 3.9% for IC budget

FY2017 President's Budget includes:

- IC budget is unchanged from FY16
- NCI receives Cancer Moonshot \$680m
- BRAIN increase of \$45m in Office of the Director



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- Precision Medicine increase \$100m in Office of Director



Competing RPG Trends

| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Competing Awards | 699 | 749 | 701 | 702 | 750 | 819 |
| Number of Applications | 3,097 | 3,549 | 3,588 | 3,551 | 4,002 | 4,007 |
| Success Rate | 22.6% | 21.1% | 19.5% | 19.8% | 18.7% | 20.5% |
| Average Cost | \$405K | \$392K | \$378K | \$378K | \$396k | \$379k |
| Payline (Percentile) | 14 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 |

Data includes complete RPG portfolio of Unsolicited Announcements, RFAs, PAs, PASs

Increase in applications led to increase in outyear commitments

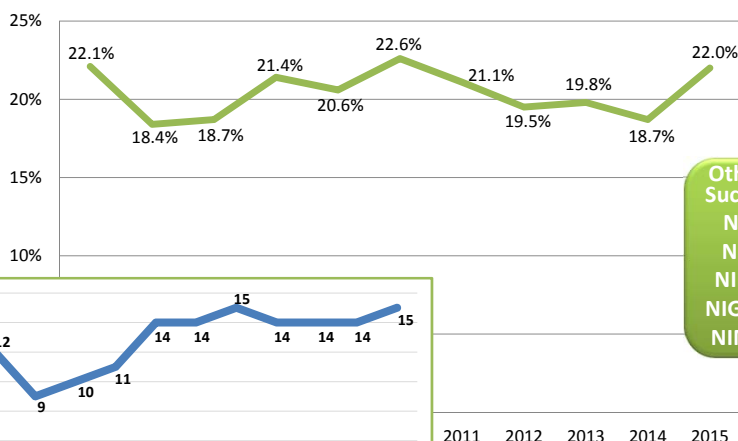
With continuing resolution looming for FY'17 payline reduced to 12%-tile.



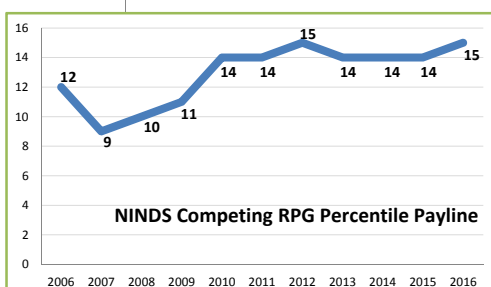
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NINDS Success Rate



Other IC FY15 Success Rates:
 NEI: 23.5%
 NIA: 20.9%
 NIDA: 22.3%
 NIGMS: 29.0%
 NIMH: 22.2%



NINDS Competing RPG Percentile Payline



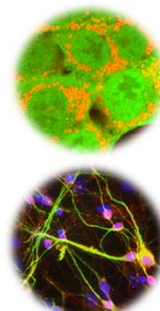
NINDS Supports Research Across the Rare Disease Spectrum

Absence of Septum Pellucidum
 Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis
 Adie Syndrome
 Agnosia
 Aicardi Syndrome
 Aicardi-Goutieres Syndrome
 AIDS-Neurological Complications
 Alexander Disease
 Alpers' Disease
 Alternating Hemiplegia
 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
 Anencephaly
 Apraxia
 Arachnoid Cysts
 Arachnoiditis
 Ataxia Telangiectasia
 Barth Syndrome
 Becker's Myotonia
 Behcet's Disease
 Bell's Palsy
 Binswanger's Disease
 Blepharospasm
 Brown-Sequard Syndrome
 CADASIL
 Cerebellar Degeneration
 Cerebellar Hypoplasia
 Cerebral Cavernous Malformation
 Cerebral Palsy
 Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease
 Chiari Malformation

Choreoacanthocytosis
 Cockayne Syndrome Type II
 Coffin-Lowry Syndrome
 Complex Regional Pain Syndrome
 Corticobasal Degeneration
 Cytomegalic Inclusion Body Disease
 Dancing Eyes-Dancing Feet Syndrome
 Dandy-Walker Syndrome
 Dravet Syndrome
 Dystonias
 Early Infantile Epileptic Encephalopathy
 Empty Sella Syndrome
 Encephalitis Lethargica
 Essential Tremor
 Fabry Disease
 Familial Dysautonomia
 Farber's Disease
 Friedreich's Ataxia
 Frontotemporal Dementia
 Gaucher Disease
 Gerstmann's Syndrome
 Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker Disease
 Giant Axonal Neuropathy
 Glycogen Storage Disease
 Guillain-Barre Syndrome
 HTLV-1 Associated Myelopathy
 Huntington's Disease
 Hydranencephaly
 Inclusion Body Myositis
 Joubert Syndrome
 Kearns-Sayre Syndrome
 Kennedy's Disease
 Kuru
 Landau-Kleffner Syndrome
 Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome

Leukodystrophy
 Locked-in Syndrome
 Lyme Disease-Neurological Complications
 Menkes Disease
 Meralgia Paresthetica
 Microcephaly
 Miller-Fisher Syndrome
 Moebius Syndrome
 Myasthenia Gravis
 Narcolepsy
 Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome
 Niemann-Pick Disease
 Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus
 Olivopontocerebellar Atrophy
 Pantothenate Kinase-Associated Neurodegeneration
 Paroxysmal Hemicrania
 Pick's Disease
 Post-Polio Syndrome
 Primary Lateral Sclerosis
 Progressive Hemifacial Atrophy
 Pseudotumor Cerebri
 Rasmussen's Encephalitis
 Refsum Disease
 Rett Syndrome
 Sandhoff Disease
 Semantic Dementia
 Septo-Optic Dysplasia
 Spinal Muscular Atrophy
 Stiff Person Syndrome
 Sturge-Weber Syndrome
 Subacute Sclerosing Panencephalitis
 Tay-Sachs Disease
 Thoracic Outlet Syndrome
 Tourette Syndrome

Trigeminal Neuralgia
 Transverse Myelitis
 Tuberos Sclerosis
 Von-Hippel-Lindau Disease
 Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome
 West Syndrome
 William's Syndrome
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 Wolman's Disease
 Zellweger Syndrome



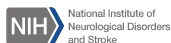
The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

The mission of NINDS is to seek fundamental knowledge about the brain and nervous system and to use that knowledge to reduce the burden of neurological disease.

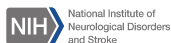
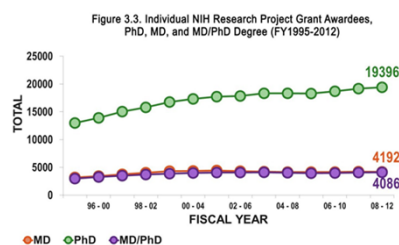
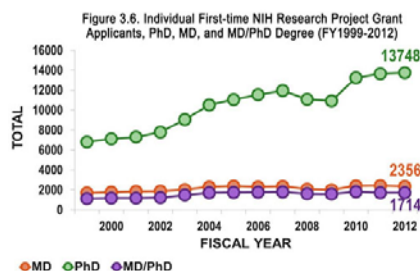
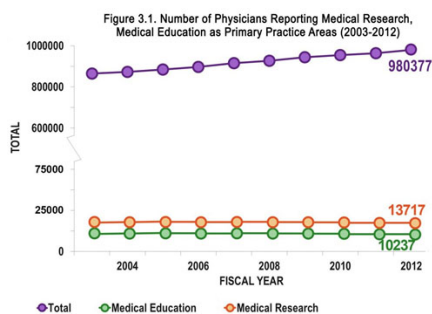
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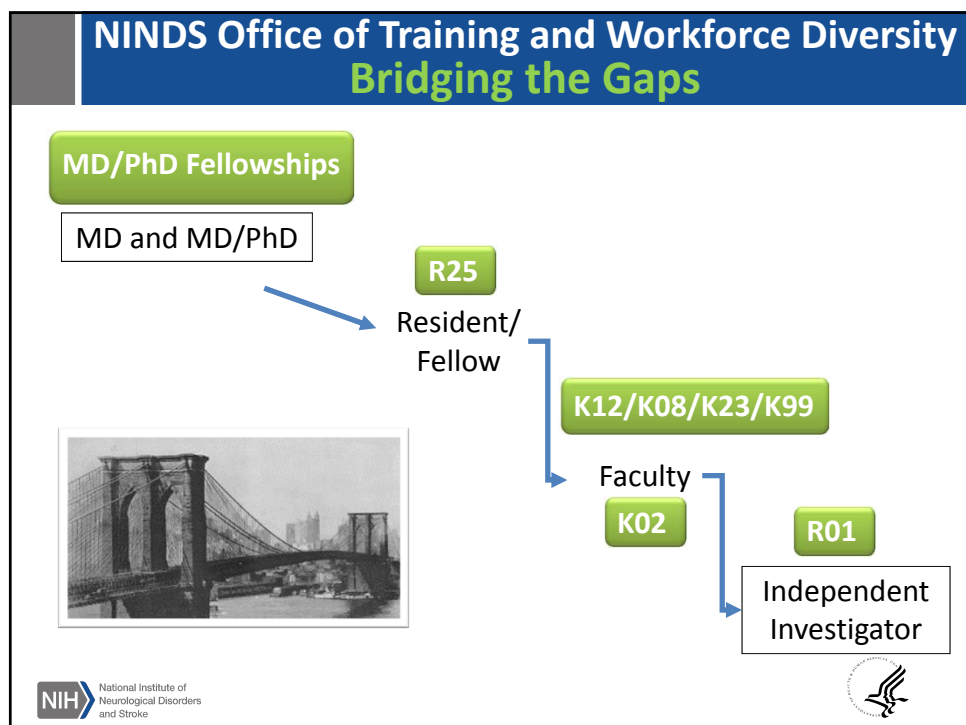
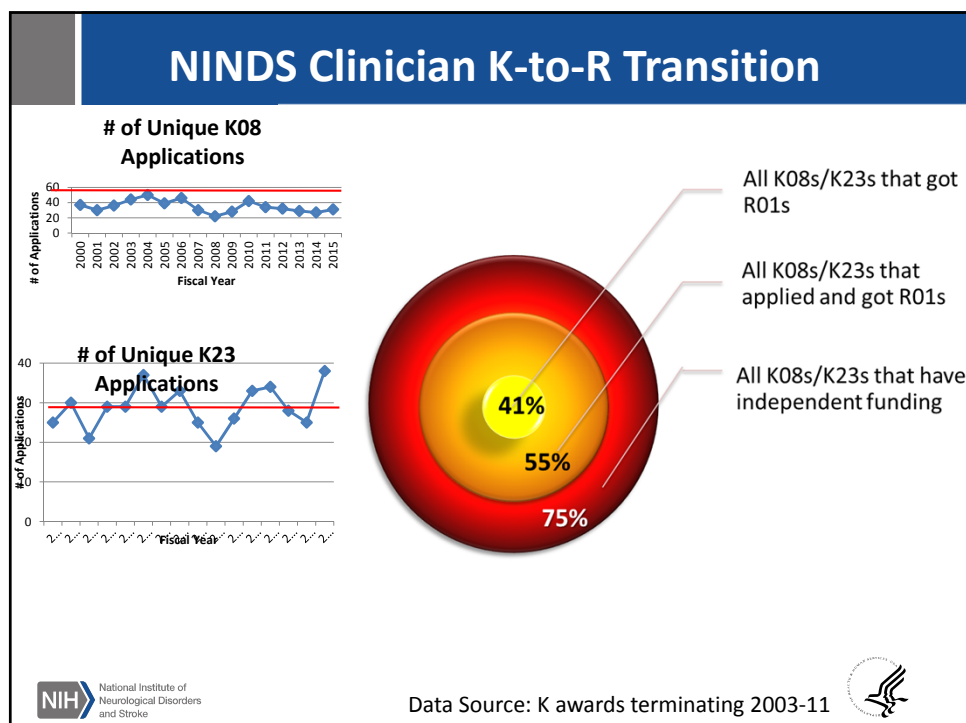
- Invest across the full spectrum of basic, translational, and clinical research
- Establish a data-driven process to identify unmet scientific opportunities and public health needs within and across neurological diseases
- Support research resources and technical advances that catalyze new discoveries
- Communicate and collaborate with the public and with others involved in biomedical research
- Train a robust and diverse neuroscience research workforce
- Adopt a culture of evaluation and continuous improvement across all NINDS programs

http://www.ninds.nih.gov/about_ninds/plans/NINDS_strategic_plan.htm



Number of Physicians in Research Careers Remains Flat





Key Policy Issues

Reproducibility of Research Results

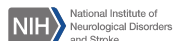
- NIH to stress the **importance of experimental rigor and transparency of reporting research findings** to enhance ability of others to replicate them.
- We think that needs to be shift from emphasis on “statistical significant P-value” to “effect size”.

Early Investigators

- NINDS to provide 10 percentile point advantage to early stage new investigators.
- NIH is directed to develop a new approach with actionable steps to **reduce the average age at which an investigator first obtains R01 funding**.

Basic Biomedical Research – urges **continued focus on basic biomedical research**.

Burden of Disease – urges NIH to consider burden for research investments. **NIH must include the number of Americans affected by each category listed in the RCDC database.**



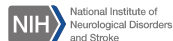
The Growing Challenge

- Noted by research community; in multiple publications
 - Across research areas
 - Especially in preclinical research

False-Positive Psychology: Undisclosed Flexibility in Data Collection and Analysis Allows Presenting Anything as Significant

Drug targets slip-sliding away

The starting point for many drug discovery programs is a published report on a new drug target. Assessing the reliability of such papers requires a nuanced view of the process of scientific discovery and publication.



Reforming Science: Methodological and Cultural Reforms

Beware the creeping cracks of bias

Evidence is mounting that research is riddled with unchecked, this could erode public trust, warn

The Economist

Unreliable re Florian Prinz, Thomas Schlange and Khursid Asadullah

Trouble at the lab

Scientists like to think of science as self-correcting. To an alarming degree, it is not. Oct 19th 2013 | From the print edition



Raise standards for preclinical cancer research

C. Glenn Begley and Lee M. Ellis propose how methods, publications and incentives must change if patients are to benefit.



- ✓ *Guidance crafters*
- ✓ *Journal editors*
- ✓ *Reviewers*
- ✓ *End users*

A call for transparent reporting to optimize the predictive value of preclinical research

Nature 2012; 490: 187-191

²⁹John C. Landis,³⁰ Susan G. Amara,³¹ Khushu Asadullahi,³² Chris P. Austin,³³ Robi Blumenfeld,³⁴ Eileen W. Bradley,³⁵ Ronald G. Crystal,³⁶ Robert B. Darnell,³⁷ Robert I. Ferrante,³⁸ Howard Fillitz,³⁹ Robert Finkelstein,⁴⁰ Marc Fisher,⁴¹ Howard E. Gendelman,⁴² George C. Hardy,⁴³ John L. Goudreau,⁴⁴ Robert A. Gross,⁴⁵ Amelie K. Guthrie,⁴⁶ Robert A. Harrington,⁴⁷ David S. Hesselgrave,⁴⁸ John Huguenard,⁴⁹ Katrina Kelner,⁵⁰ Walter Koroshetz,⁵¹ Dimitri Kuznetsov,⁵² Stanley E. Lazicki,⁵³ Michael S. Levine,⁵⁴ Malcolm Macleod,⁵⁵ John M. McCall,⁵⁶ Richard T. Moxley III,⁵⁷ Kalyani Narasimhan,⁵⁸ Linda J. Noble,⁵⁹ Steve Pennell,⁶⁰ John D. Porter,⁶¹ Oswald Steward,⁶² Ellis Unger,⁶³ Ursula Utz⁶⁴ & Shai D. Silberberg.

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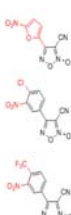
NIH plans to enhance reproducibility

Francis S. Collins and Lawrence A. Tabak discuss initiatives that the US National Institutes of Health is exploring to restore the self-correcting nature of



growing chorus of concern, from scientists and laypeople, contends that the complex system for ensuring

NINDS Is Investing Across the Research Spectrum



Basic Research

**Disease-
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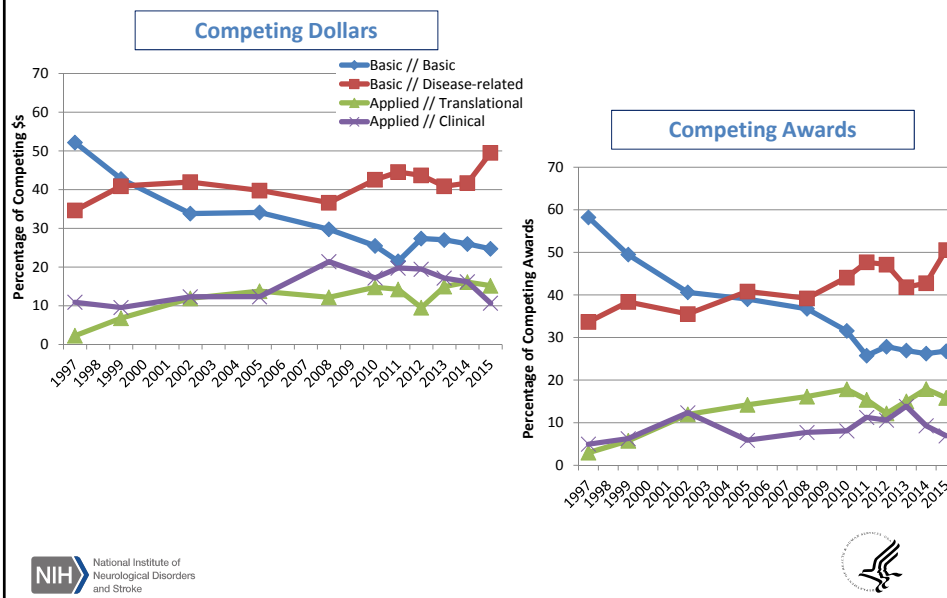
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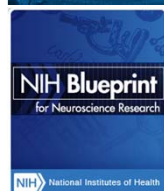
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NINDS Funding Trends



NINDS Office of Translational Research

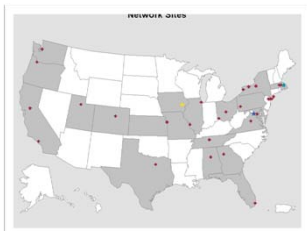


- Goal – advance promising therapies to hand off to biotech/pharma companies
 - Innovation Grants to Nurture Initial Translational Efforts (IGNITE)
 - Early-stage therapy development
 - Four separate opportunities from assay development to platform technology development
 - Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network (BPN) for small molecules
 - Development of small molecules
 - Provides investigators with access to consultants and contracts that provide discovery, preclinical development, and clinical trial support
 - Cooperative Research to Enable and Advance Translational Enterprises (CREATE) Bio and Devices
 - Development of biologics (including proteins, peptides, nucleic acids, gene and cell therapies)
 - Development of devices (including implants, stents, and prosthetics)
- These programs:
 - Are milestone driven
 - Offer multiple entry points and seamless path of support across the therapy development pipeline

http://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/areas/translational_research/

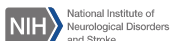


NeuroNEXT : Network for Excellence in Neuroscience Clinical Trials



The NeuroNEXT program aims to:

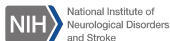
- Provide a robust, standardized, and accessible infrastructure to conduct studies of treatments for neurological diseases
- Create and leverage partnerships with academia, private foundations, and industry
- Increase the efficiency of clinical trials
- Support scientifically sound, possibly biomarker-informed, exploratory clinical trials that provide data for clear go/no-go decisions
- Expand the pool of experienced clinical investigators and research staff



NINDS Funding Opportunity Announcement


Clinical Trial Readiness for Rare Neurological and Neuromuscular Diseases (U01) PAR-16-020

- Purpose: to support clinical studies that will fill gaps in the design of upcoming clinical trials in rare neurological and neuromuscular diseases by validating clinical outcome measures or biomarkers, or by characterizing cohorts of relevant patients.
- Appropriate trial readiness projects can be “stand alone” studies, or they can be ancillary to other, ongoing clinical studies.
- Higher priority will be given to diseases/conditions that currently or soon will have multiple candidate therapeutics or devices ready for testing in clinical trials, but that lack critical components of trial readiness that are needed for moving forward.
- NINDS expects this will accelerate the initiation of clinical trials for rare diseases and increase the likelihood of success in those trials.
- Upcoming application due dates: Feb 17, 2017; Aug 17, 2017; Feb 15, 2018 and Aug 17, 2018
- Expiration date: Aug 18, 2018



Find out more: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-020.html>





PDBP
Parkinson's Disease
Biomarkers Program

Parkinson's Disease Biomarker's Program (PDBP)

Original PDBP Goals (2012)


- Support hypothesis-driven, biomarkers discovery research
 - 15 individual projects funded via original and subsequent funding announcements
- Support the collection of Clinical Data and Biospecimens
 - 955 Cases, 534 controls

PDBP Annual Meeting: Areas for focus


- Replication, and negative results tracking
- Harmonization/standardization (*esp. imaging*)
- Longitudinal follow-up (*wearables? telephone survey?*)
- Specific cohorts for discovery (*e.g. parkinsonisms, genetic, de novo*)

Future PDBP Goals

- Continue PD biomarkers discovery
- Replicate PD biomarkers
- Differentiate parkinsonian dementias
- Differentiate PD from parkinsonisms (PSP, CBD, MSA, ET)
- Initiate studies of specific cohorts (genetic, diversity)
- Integrate wearables



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The Accelerated Medicines Partnership (AMP) Framework

Accelerate target validation...


- Defined as the accumulation of evidence that a disease intervention point, "the target", will be an effective point for therapeutic interaction

... with a specific focus on disease deconstruction...


- Defined as the systematic characterization of heterogeneous, poorly understood diseases in human populations, combining clinical and molecular information in order to facilitate rational selection of targets, identification of patients, subpopulations for trials and customized prophylaxis, diagnosis and treatment decisions

... through a collaborative, public-private partnership

- Focusing on "pre-competitive" target validation activities that would not be efficiently done without collective action
- Working collaboratively across government, academia and industry through harmonized efforts that harness collective capabilities & scale
- Initial design led to successful programs in three disease areas (Alzheimer's disease, Type II diabetes, RA & related disorders)
- A new concept was submitted for Parkinson's Disease and design is being developed



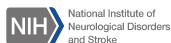
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NIH Neurobiobank: Goals

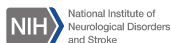
- To increase the availability of human disease and control brains and related biospecimens by increasing public awareness of the value of tissue donation for understanding brain disorders.
- To facilitate the distribution of high-quality, well-characterized human-post mortem brain tissue for the research community.
- To make available to the research community, a centralized resource of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and protocols used by our networked sites in the acquisition, preparation, and distribution of tissue.

- Mount Sinai NIH Brain and Tissue Repository. James J Peters VA Medical Center
- The Human Brain and Spinal Fluid Resource Center UCLA
- University of Miami Brain Endowment Bank
- Brain Tissue Donation Program at the University of Pittsburgh
- University of Maryland Brain and Tissue Bank



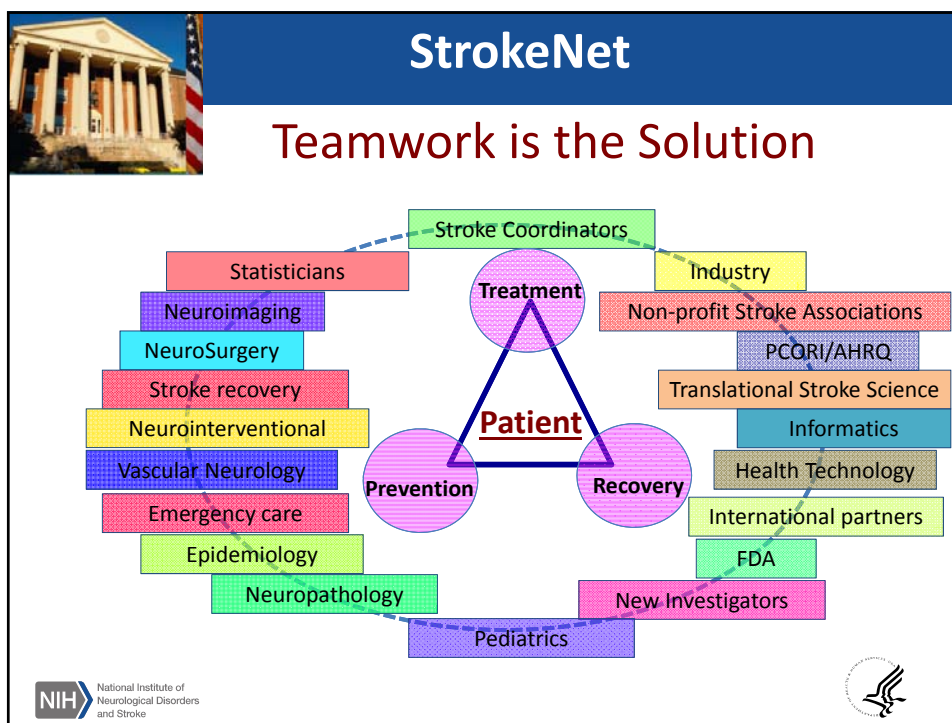
NIH Stroke Network

National and Regional Coordinating Centers



- Coordinating Center- U of Cincinnati
 - 1 IRB, 1 master contract agreement
- Data Management Center- Medical University of South Carolina
- Coordinated study execution and funding with Canadian Institute of Health Research's stroke sites
- Principal Investigator/Statistician - open to all
- 25 clinical hubs, >200 hospitals
- \$50k/year/hub for training
- Infrastructure Total Cost- ~\$11million/year





Network for Emergency Care Trials

- Strategies to Innovate EMERgENCY Care Clinical Trials Network (SIREN).
 - Will conduct high-quality, multi-site clinical trials to improve the outcomes for patients with neurologic, cardiac, respiratory, and hematologic, and trauma emergency events
 - SIREN will harness multidisciplinary emergency care expertise to provide scientific leadership and the infrastructure required to conduct large, simple, pragmatic clinical trials to advance knowledge of optimal patient management in the pre-hospital and ED setting
- An NINDS and NHLBI initiative in coordination with Dept. of Defense USAMRC.



Recent Advances

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

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Randomized Trial of Thymectomy in #MyastheniaGravis shows benefit of surgery. Thanks to the patients & investigators

Randomized Trial of Thymectomy in Myasthenia Gravis —...
Original Article from The New England Journal of Medicine —
Randomized Trial of Thymectomy in Myasthenia Gravis
nejm.org

RETWEETS 5 LIKES 2

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJMoa1602489>

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ARTICLE
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Early role of vascular dysregulation on late-onset Alzheimer's disease based on multifactorial data-driven analysis

Y. Burria-Medina^{1,2}, R.C. Sotero³, P.J. Toussaint^{1,2}, J.M. Mateos-Pérez^{1,2}, A.C. Evans^{1,2} & The Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative[†]

<http://www.nature.com/articles/ncomms11934>


IONIS PHARMACEUTICALS

Biogen

Biogen and Ionis Pharmaceuticals Report Nusinersen Meets Primary Endpoint at Interim Analysis of Phase 3 ENDEAR Study in Infantile-Onset Spinal Muscular Atrophy

<http://media.biogen.com/press-release/neurodegenerative-diseases/biogens-investigational-alzheimers-disease-treatment-aducan>

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Update on Concussion Research

Two neuropath studies ongoing

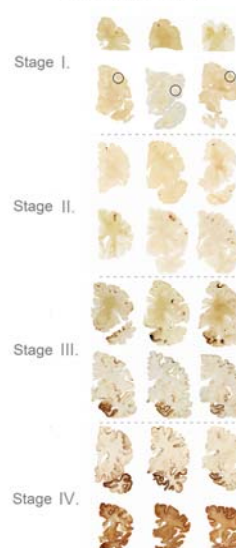
- Published guidelines for pathologic diagnosis of CTE
- Screen of May neuro brain bank for CTE
 - Found in 30% of those with some history of playing contact sports. 0% in matched non-sports cohort and 0% in female cohort.
- Screen of Queen's Square neuro bio bank
 - CTE in 12% and history of TBI in 94%, but TBI not sports related, question raised whether TBI related to falls from neuro conditions.
 - NINDS funded longitudinal study to characterize clinical syndrome of CTE from its appropriated budget.

NINDS-funded longitudinal study to characterize clinical syndrome of CTE from its appropriated budget

NINDS will form a working group of Council to discuss next highest priority opportunities in concussion research

- In concert with NICHD
- Jonathan Mink to lead
- Will hold a workshop and create research plan
- Concept clearance for Council
- Discuss research plan with FNIH

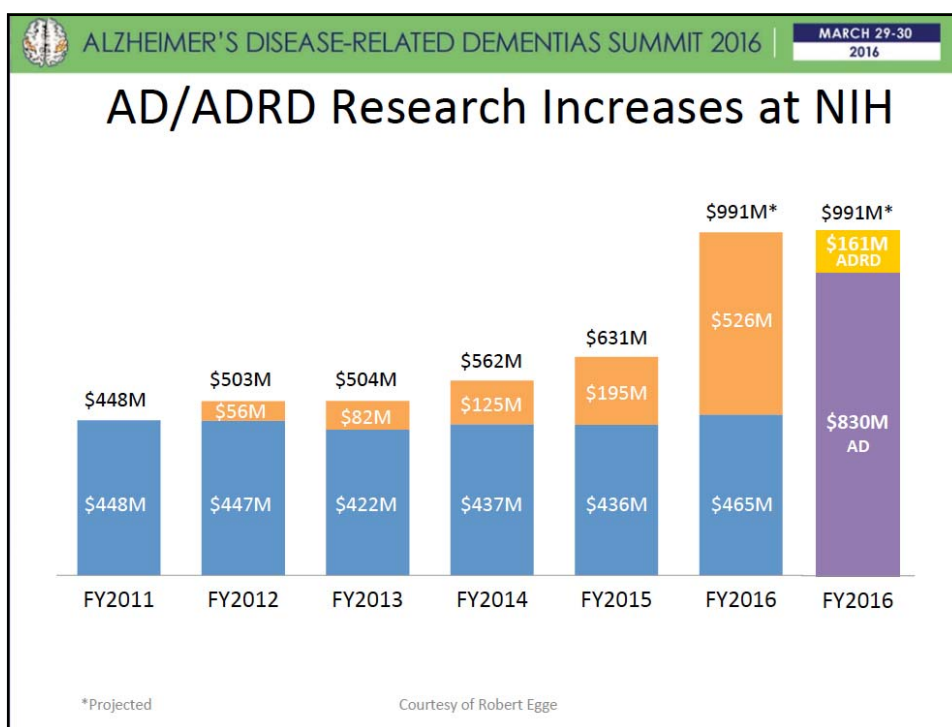
The Stages of CTE



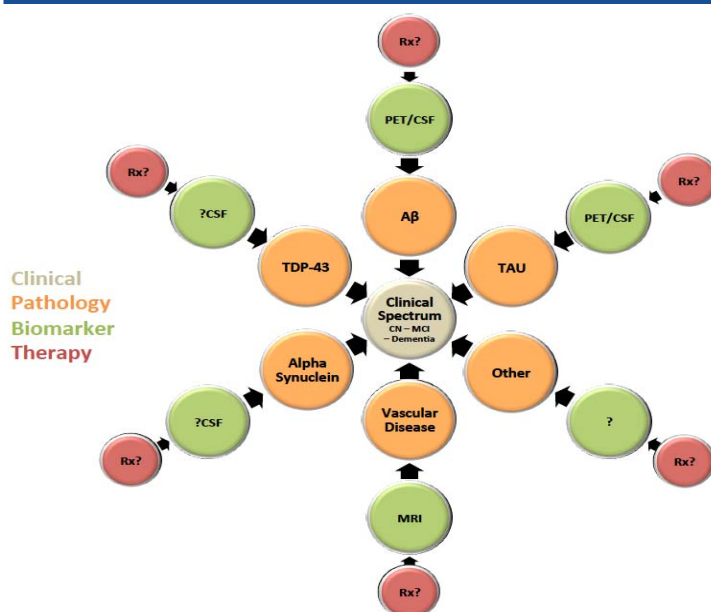
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE-RELATED DEMENTIAS SUMMIT 2016 | MARCH 29-30 2016

US National Alzheimer's Plan Goals

1. Prevent and effectively treat AD by 2025
2. Enhance care quality and efficiency
3. Expand supports for people with AD and families
4. Enhance public awareness/engagement
5. Improve data to track progress



Dementia results from a spectrum of pathobiologies



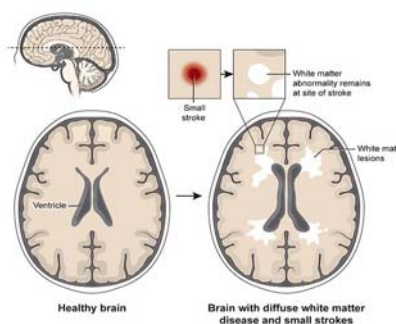
Most Strokes Are Silent: Consequences are Cognitive Impairment and Dementia

➤ Infarction

- Usually small and multiple seen on MRI or at autopsy
- Associated with cognitive impairment and dementia

➤ Micro hemorrhages

- Hypertensive - deep
- Amyloid angiopathy - cortically located associated with Alzheimer's Disease in half.



U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

NIH MindYourRisks

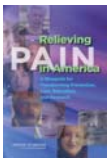
Know Manage About Resources Partners Healthcare Professionals Research

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IS EVEN RISKIER

Stroke and dementia are more likely to affect people with high blood pressure. Understand the links and learn what you can do to minimize your risk.

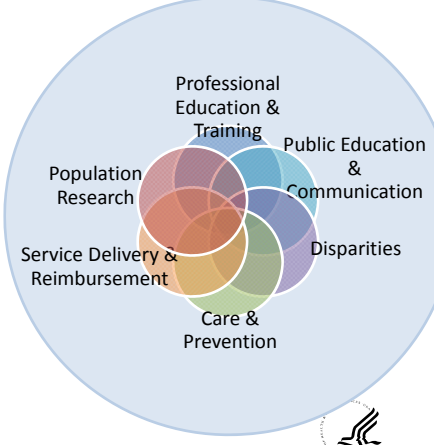
National Pain Strategy:
A Comprehensive Population Health Level Strategy for Pain

2010 Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act

 **INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES**
2011: Relieving Pain in America


NIH The Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee

2012 Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS tasked IPRCC and NIH to address IOM Recommendation: *“develop a comprehensive, population health-level strategy for pain prevention, treatment, management, education, reimbursement, and research that includes specific goals, actions, time frames, and resources.”*



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Released March 2016



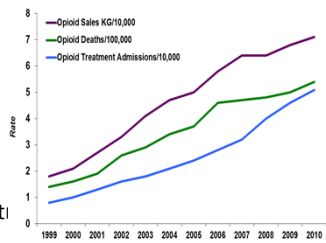
National Institutes of Health

Pathways to Prevention: NIH OFFICE of DISEASE PREVENTION September 29–30, 2014

The Role of Opioids in the Treatment of Chronic Pain

Consensus Workshop to review:


- ❖ Long-term effectiveness of opioids for chronic pain.
- ❖ Risks of opioids for various populations.
- ❖ Outcomes of opioid based pain care on function, addiction, & abuse.
- ❖ Effectiveness of risk mitigation strategies for opioid treatment.
- ❖ Optimal pain management with opioids.







| Year | Opioid Sales | Opioid Deaths | Opioid Treatment Admissions |
|------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1999 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| 2000 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.7 |
| 2001 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 0.9 |
| 2002 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 1.1 |
| 2003 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 1.4 |
| 2004 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 1.7 |
| 2005 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| 2006 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 2.3 |
| 2007 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 2.6 |
| 2008 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 3.0 |
| 2009 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| 2010 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 4.0 |

Follow-up Partners Meeting: Priority Research Recommendations:

- ❖ Identify pain conditions & patient populations most likely to benefit and incur harm from opioids.
- ❖ Develop and evaluate multidisciplinary pain interventions.
- ❖ Develop and validate research measurement tools for identification of risk and outcomes related to long-term opioid use, which can be adapted for clinical settings.




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Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

- Affects between 800,000 - 2.5 million in the US
- 75% affected are women
- Cause unknown but many have distinct onset with flu-like symptoms
- Plans for CFS/Myalgic Encephalitis Research
 - NIH-wide intramural protocol through IRB to begin phenotyping, neuro and immunologic studies
 - Led by Dr. Avi Nath
 - Trans-NIH working group developing an extramural research program
 - Led by Dr. Vicky Whittemore



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The BRAIN Initiative®

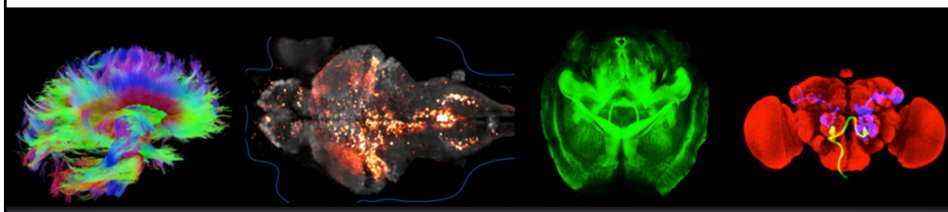
BRAIN 2025 A SCIENTIFIC VISION

Brain Research through Advancing Innovative
Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Working Group
Report to the Advisory Committee to the
Director, NIH

June 5, 2014



- A focus on circuits and networks
- Measure the fluctuating electrical and chemical patterns within circuits
- Understand how all of this helps generate our unique thoughts and actions



What's the problem? It's the circuits stupid!

We need to be able to see the circuits in action to:

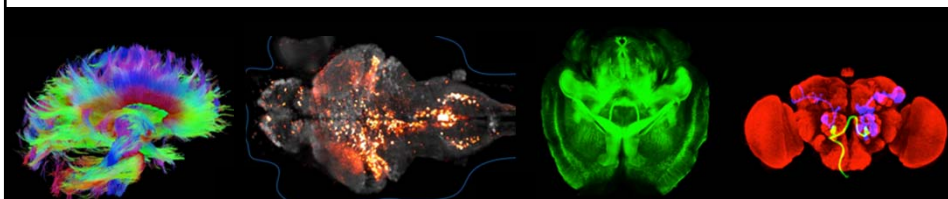
- Understand how the brain moves, plans, executes
- Understand how to monitor and manipulate circuits for improved function.
- The disability that patients with neuro/mental/substance abuse disorders suffer is a direct result of disordered brain circuits.

Molecular/Structural
Pathology

Circuit
Dysfunction

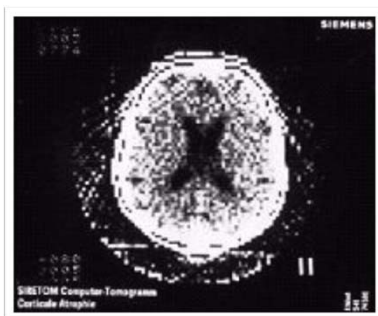
Neuro/Mental
Functional Disability

- Goal: Make circuit normalization/compensation the target of intervention: Pharmacologic/Cell/Device/PT,OT, Speech Therapy

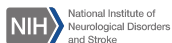


What Is Next?

1974



Original axial CT image from Siretom CT scanner circa 1975. Physicians were fascinated by the ability to see the brain and ventricles for the first time.



2016



49T susceptibility MRI imaging.
Jeff Duyn, NIH

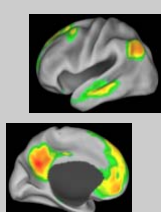


NIH Human Connectome Project Mapping the Human Connectome

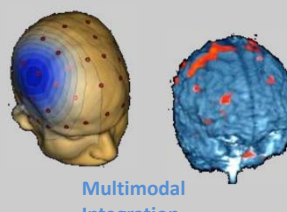
Structural
Connectivity



Functional
Connectivity

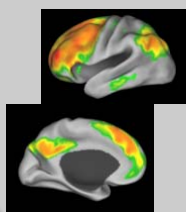


Temporal
Connectivity

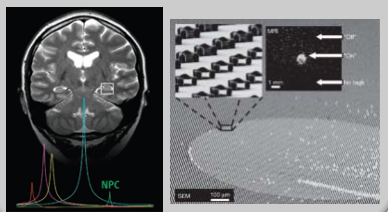


Multimodal
Integration

Molecular Imaging



New Molecular Imaging

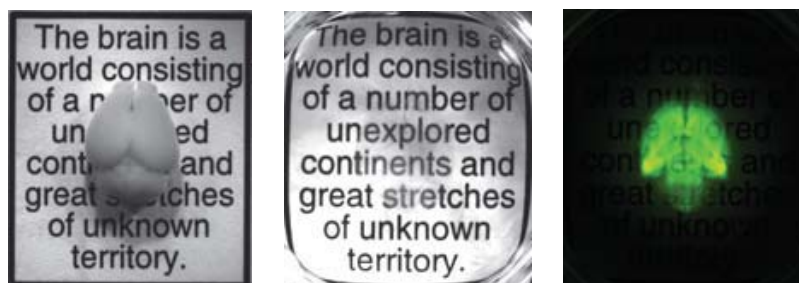


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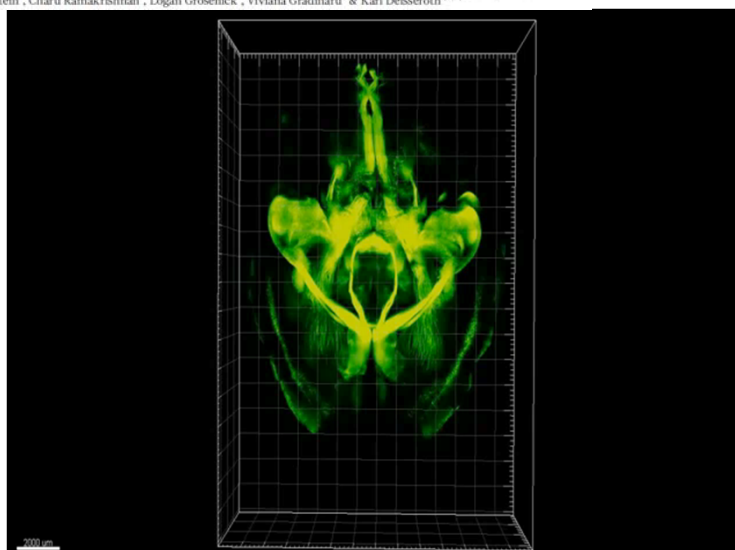
CLARITY: *Neuroanatomy for the 21st Century*

Deisseroth et al, Stanford



Structural and molecular interrogation of intact biological systems

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Bringing CLARITY to the Human Brain

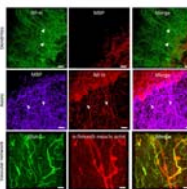
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Development of passive CLARITY and immunofluorescent labelling of multiple proteins in human cerebellum: understanding mechanisms of neurodegeneration in mitochondrial disease

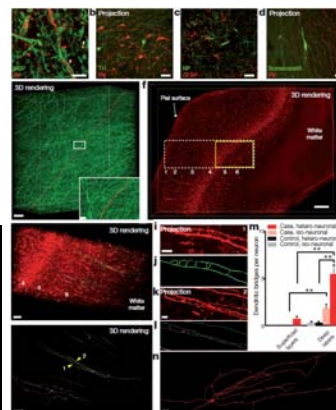
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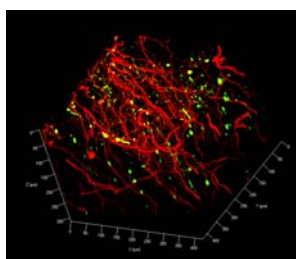
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Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology Bringing CLARITY to the human brain: visualization of Lewy pathology in three dimensions

Liu AK, Hurry ME, Ng OT, DeFelice J, Lai HM, Pearce RK, Wong GT, Chang RC, Gentleman SM. Z-stack image of double immunofluorescence with anti- α SN (green) and anti-TH (red) antibodies on human midbrain block (z-stack step size 1.5 μ m).



Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology
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Seven High Priority Research Areas

Brain
Cell
Types

- 1. Discovering diversity:** Identify and provide experimental access to the different brain cell types to determine their roles in health and disease.

Tools for
Circuit
Diagrams

- 2. Maps at multiple scales:** Generate circuit diagrams that vary in resolution from synapses to the whole brain.

Tech. to
Monitor
Neural
Activity

- 3. The brain in action:** Produce a dynamic picture of the functioning brain by developing and applying improved methods for large-scale monitoring of neural activity.

Precise
Inter-
ventional
Tools

- 4. Demonstrating causality:** Link brain activity to behavior with precise interventional tools that change neural circuit dynamics.

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Seven High Priority Research Areas

Theory and
Data
Analysis
Tools

- 5. Identifying fundamental principles:** Produce conceptual foundations for understanding the biological basis of mental processes through development of new theoretical and data analysis tools.

Advance
Human
Neuro-
science

- 6. Advancing human neuroscience:** Develop innovative technologies to understand the human brain and treat its disorders; create and support integrated human brain research networks.

Integrate
Approaches


- 7. From BRAIN Initiative to the brain:** Integrate new technological and conceptual approaches produced in goals #1-6 to discover how dynamic patterns of neural activity are transformed into cognition, emotion, perception, and action in health and disease.

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THE BRAIN INITIATIVE® Electrode Development

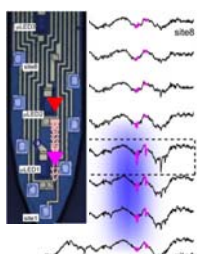
Higher density, less invasive, longer lasting, optogenetic stimulation, transmitter measurements




Dual 96 channel electrode microdrives targeting vmPFC and anterior Insula in NHP
-- Graymatter Research Inc.




Diamond electrode for stable and calibrated transmitter measurement -- Mayo Clinic



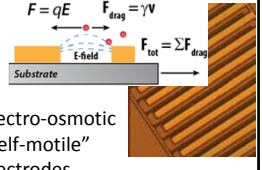
Integrated micro-LEDs for selective optogenetic control
-- U. Michigan



Flexible polymer probe - long-lasting, high-density recordings
-- Lawrence Livermore National Labs



CMOS multi-electrode array with >500 contacts
-- Italian Institute of Technology



Electro-osmotic "self-motile" electrodes - Stanford U.

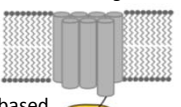
$F = qE$
 $F_{drag} = \gamma V$
 $F_{tot} = \sum F_{drag}$

THE BRAIN INITIATIVE® **Probe Development**


Sensors: voltage, transmitters/modulators, activity history, activated synapses, MRI for calcium

Activators/inhibitors: chemical-genetic, photo-switchable ligands, GPCR signaling, synaptic plasticity

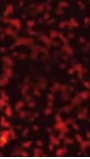
Mutated Opsin Fast response to voltage changes

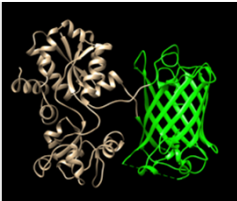


GFP-based fluorophor

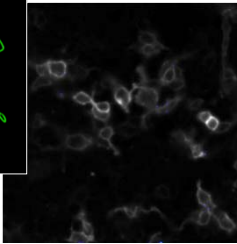


FRET donor for bright signal





GFP Linked bacterial protein mutated to bind serotonin



Voltage imaging of single neuron dynamics in mouse cortex in vivo – *Stanford (Schnitzer/Lin)*

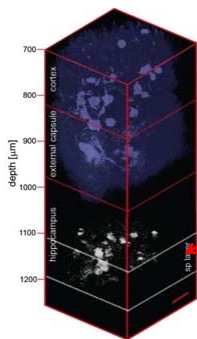
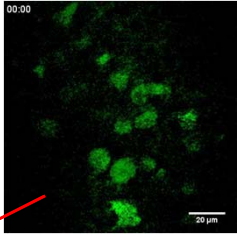
New optogenetic serotonin sensor with high SNR in cultured cells – *UC Davis (Tian)*

THE BRAIN INITIATIVE® **Optical Instrumentation**

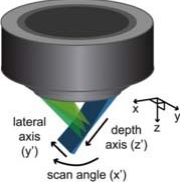
Deeper – anywhere in the brain

Faster – whole volumes rather than single image plane

More precise targeting

3-photon imaging of hippocampal neurons >1mm deep in the mouse brain – *Cornell (Xu)*




SCAPE imaging of cortical neurons colored by deconvolution – *Columbia (Hillman, Paninski)*

THE BRAIN INITIATIVE® **BRAIN Neuroethics**

BRAIN Neuroethics Workgroup

- A consultative ethics group to work with BRAIN leadership and BRAIN investigators
 - Co-chaired by Dr. Christine Grady and Hank Greely
- First meeting was on Feb 9, 2016 with BRAIN PIs conducting invasive human studies
- Second meeting was Aug 3
 - Considered workshops on privacy, ethics of research with invasive neurotechnologies
 - Discussion topics: data sharing; long-term obligations to patients with invasive neural devices
- Request for Information (RFI): Guidance for Opportunities in Neuroethics closed July 29
- New funding opportunity planned for FY 2017, informed by RFI input



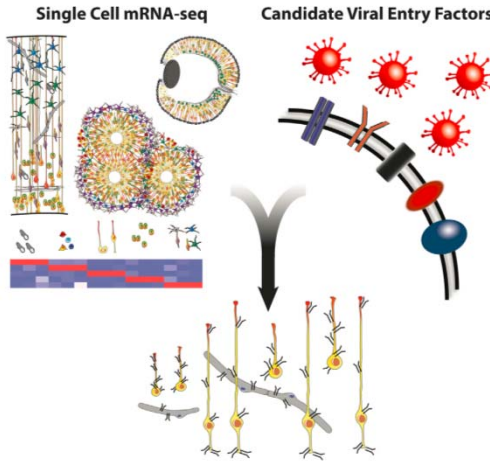
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THE BRAIN INITIATIVE® **Exciting New Discoveries**

Dr. Arnold Kriegstein and colleagues identify candidate entry receptor for Zika virus in neural stem cells

Single cell RNA-seq analysis of different cell types during early development (Cell Stem Cell)

- Examined expression of several candidate entry receptors for Zika virus
- Candidate AXL is highly expressed in several cell types, including human radial glial cells
 - Loss of radial glia founder populations leads to microcephaly
 - AXL expression pattern is conserved in mice, ferrets, and human iPSCs – models for infectivity and developmental effects of Zika virus



Single Cell mRNA-seq Candidate Viral Entry Factors

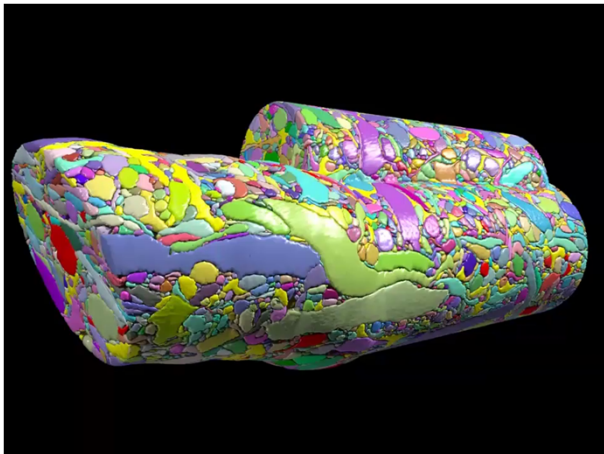
Zika Entry Candidate AXL Enriched in Neural Stem Cells

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3D Neural Reconstruction

- PI: Jeff Lichtman, PhD and colleagues, *Cell*
- Automated serial sectioning of mouse cortex
- Imaging with a scanning electron microscope
- Virtual, 3D reconstruction and analysis
- Nanometer scale



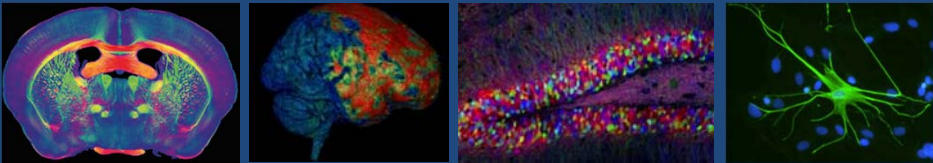
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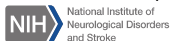
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*Seeking Knowledge about the Brain . . .
Reducing the Burden of Disease*



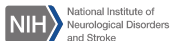
The Precision Medicine Initiative® Cohort Program

- The Program will start by collecting a limited set of standardized data
 - Participant questionnaires
 - Electronic health records
 - A baseline physical evaluation
 - Biospecimens (blood and urine samples)
 - Mobile/wearable technologies
 - Geospatial/environmental data
- Scientific Opportunities
 - Develop quantitative **estimates of risk** for a range of diseases by integrating environmental exposures and genetic factors
 - Identify the causes of individual variation in response to commonly used therapeutics = **pharmacogenomics**
 - Discover **biological markers** that signal increased or decreased risk of developing common diseases
 - Develop **solutions to health disparities**
 - Use **mobile health technologies** to correlate activity, physiological measures, and environmental exposures with health outcomes
 - **Empower study participants** with data and information to improve their own health
 - Create a platform to enable **trials of targeted therapies**



Approach to Assembling the PMI Cohort

- **One million or more** U.S. volunteers
 - Broadly reflect the diversity of America (including family members of all ages, health statuses, geographic areas, etc.)
 - Strong focus on underrepresented groups
- **Longitudinal cohort**, with continuing interactions, recontact for secondary studies
 - Collect EHR data, provide biospecimen(s) and survey, and complete a baseline exam
- Two methods of **enrollment**
 - Direct volunteers: anyone can sign up
 - Healthcare provider organizations (incl. FQHCs): diverse participants, robust EHRs, participant follow-up
- Substantial **participant engagement** in development, implementation, governance



Sign up for updates at: <https://www.nih.gov/precisionmedicine>



What is the NeuroBioBank?

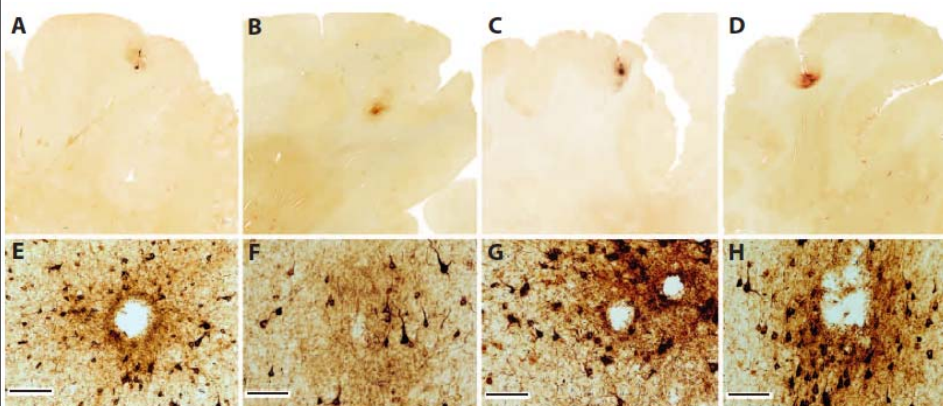


- A federated brain and tissue repository network integrated by an IT system (<https://neurobiobank.nih.gov>)
- Brain and tissue repositories are now being supported with contracts (NIMH, NINDS and NICHD)
- Focus on quality management, sharing, outreach

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Punctate Cortical Regions with Phosphorylated Tau Proteins in Neurons

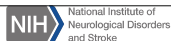


45 y.o.veteran with
blast exposure 2 yrs
ago and prior
concussion

34 y.o.veteran with
2 blast exposures 6
yrs ago.

18 y.o amateur
football player with
multiple
concussions.

21 y.o amateur
football player with
multiple
concussions.



Goldstein L et. al. *Sci Transl Med* 4:134, 2012

31 grants, that will be roughly \$24-25M

NINDS Research Program Award (R35)

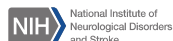


❖ Program Goals

- Provide freedom for investigators to pursue longer range, innovative, or high-risk research
- Reduce pressure to generate results quickly to renew short-term grants
- Allow investigators flexibility to follow up on serendipitous findings and explore new areas
- Reduce amount of time spend writing and administering multiple grant awards

❖ First Round of Awards

- Awards will be made in the coming months
- 31 grants, ~\$24-25M



Criteria for Pathological Diagnosis of CTE

Supportive criteria for a diagnosis of CTE:

To complement the required criteria, the group also defined supportive pathological features that were frequent in CTE brains, especially in the more severely affected cases. These include:

1. Macroscopic abnormalities in the septum pellucidum (cavum, fenestration), disproportionate dilatation of the IIIrd ventricle or signs of previous brain injury;
2. Abnormal tau immunoreactive neuronal lesions affecting the neocortex predominantly in superficial layers 2 and 3 as opposed to layers 3 and 5 as in AD;
3. Abnormal tau (or silver-positive) neurofibrillary lesions in the hippocampus, especially in CA2 and CA4 regions, which differ from preferential involvement of CA1 and subiculum in AD;
4. Abnormal tau immunoreactive neuronal and astrocytic lesions in subcortical nuclei, including the mammillary bodies and other hypothalamic nuclei, amygdala, nucleus accumbens, thalamus, midbrain tegmentum and substantia nigra, and
5. Tau immunoreactive in thorny astrocytes in subpial periventricular and perivascular locations.



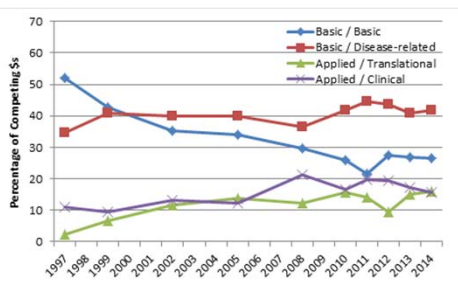
<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/research/tbi/ReportFirstNIHConsensusConference.htm>

Report from the First NIH Consensus Conference to Define the Neuropathological Criteria for the Diagnosis of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy

In 1928 the pathologist Harrison Stanford Marland described the clinical features of a distinct neuropsychiatric syndrome in boxers as the "punch-drunk syndrome," a condition that several decades later became more formally known as "dementia pugilistica," reflecting a belief that it was a disease almost exclusive to former boxers. However, more recent neuropathological studies have identified this condition in persons with a broader range of exposure to head injury, including athletes exposed to repetitive brain injury in a wide range of sports. Thus, almost 90 years after Dr. Marland's first account in boxers, there is a realization that it is exposure to brain injury associated with risk of developing this condition, rather than the environment or sport in which brain injury is sustained.

Nevertheless, despite the passage of time, this condition, now called chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), remains a diagnosis that can only be made upon neuropathological examination of the brain after death. Early accounts of the pathology of dementia pugilistica/CTE described neuronal loss and accumulation of abnormal tau protein as neurofibrillary tangles in affected brain regions. How and where the degeneration began in the brain was never clear. More recent reports include cases in persons with substantial exposure to trauma who did not develop dementia, but in whom tau-positive neurofibrillary tangles are seen in the brain at autopsy. The pathologic characteristics of CTE remain poorly defined. Its recognition at autopsy remains limited and as a result it is not clear how commonly evidence of CTE might be apparent at autopsy.

NINDS Support of “Basic-Basic” Research



New NINDS Funding Announcement Aims to Spur Basic Neuroscience Research

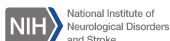
Earlier this year, Dr. Landis and I wrote a [blog post](#) and accompanying [editorial](#) about the important robust portfolio of basic neuroscience research. This week, NINDS released a [funding opportunity](#) (FOA) designed as a call for applications for basic research that is not explicitly disease-related – new addresses questions involving the development, structure and/or function of the normal nervous system.

Through this FOA, we hope to underscore our commitment to investigator-initiated basic neuroscience goal for the FOA is twofold: to stimulate more basic research applications that can be funded within or fund up to 12 additional applications each year with scores outside the pay line using a set-aside of 4 year for the duration of this FOA.

Reflecting the broad-based dedication to basic research across the NIH neuroscience community, NIH have also committed funds and signed on to this announcement. Applications will be reviewed in the sections within the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR).

Why the new FOA?

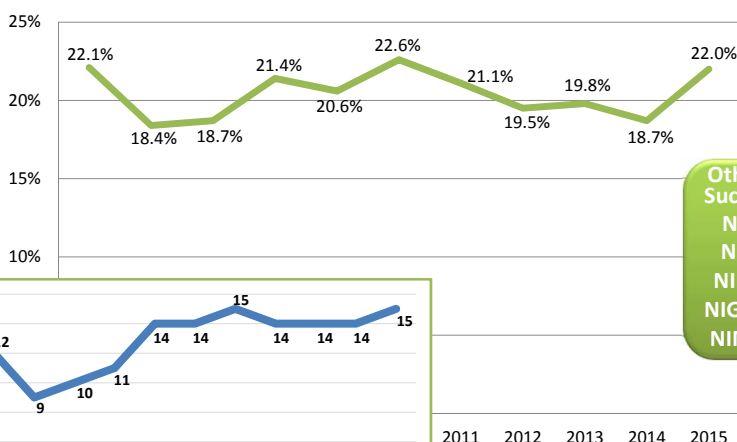
Our initial blog post on this topic presented an analysis of NINDS funding patterns and revealed a shift funding for basic research. This decline was especially pronounced for “basic/basic” research focus:



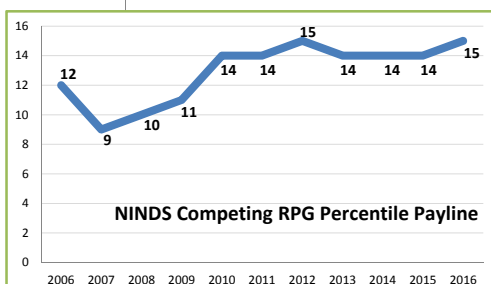
- March 2014, announced findings of research funding trend analysis
- November 2014 released funding opportunity
- [PAS-15-029](#) Promoting Research in Basic Neuroscience (R01)
 - Goal: to stimulate increased research applications addressing fundamental questions in basic neuroscience
 - NIA, NIDA, NIMH also signed on
 - Open date: Jan. 5
- NINDS provides \$5 million/year
- NINDS continues to monitor funding trends carefully



NINDS Success Rate

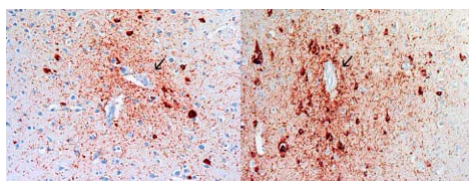


Other IC FY15 Success Rates:
 NEI: 23.5%
 NIA: 20.9%
 NIDA: 22.3%
 NIGMS: 29.0%
 NIMH: 22.2%

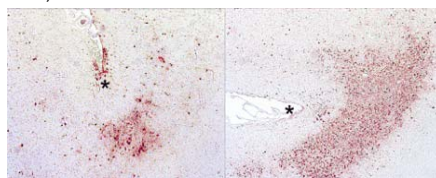


Criteria for Pathological Diagnosis of CTE

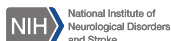
- NIH Consensus Conference (*Boston, Feb 2015*)
- In CTE, the tau lesion considered pathognomonic was an abnormal perivascular accumulation of tau in neurons, astrocytes, and cell processes in an irregular pattern at the depths of the cortical sulci.



Tau antibody staining of neurons and neurites in perivascular pattern (arrow pointing to blood vessel).

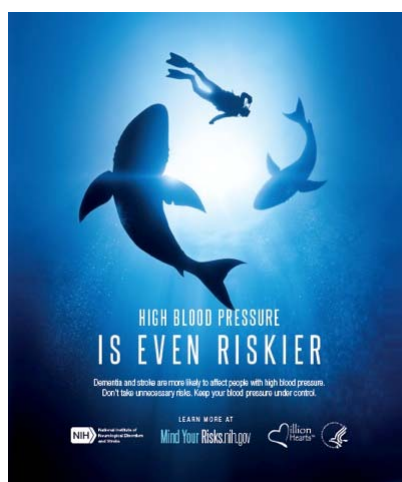


Lower field photo illustrating the focal nature of the tau staining at depth of sulci (asterisk at bottom of sulcus).

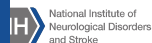


Mind Your Risks

A New NINDS Public Education Campaign



- Raise awareness among middle-aged people with hypertension that controlling blood pressure may decrease risk for dementia, as well as stroke, in later life
- Provide scientific evidence for doctors who wish to discuss this topic with their patients
- Campaign launched with PSA placement in Stroke Belt States
- NINDS-led campaign in partnership with Million Hearts®, NHLBI and NIA



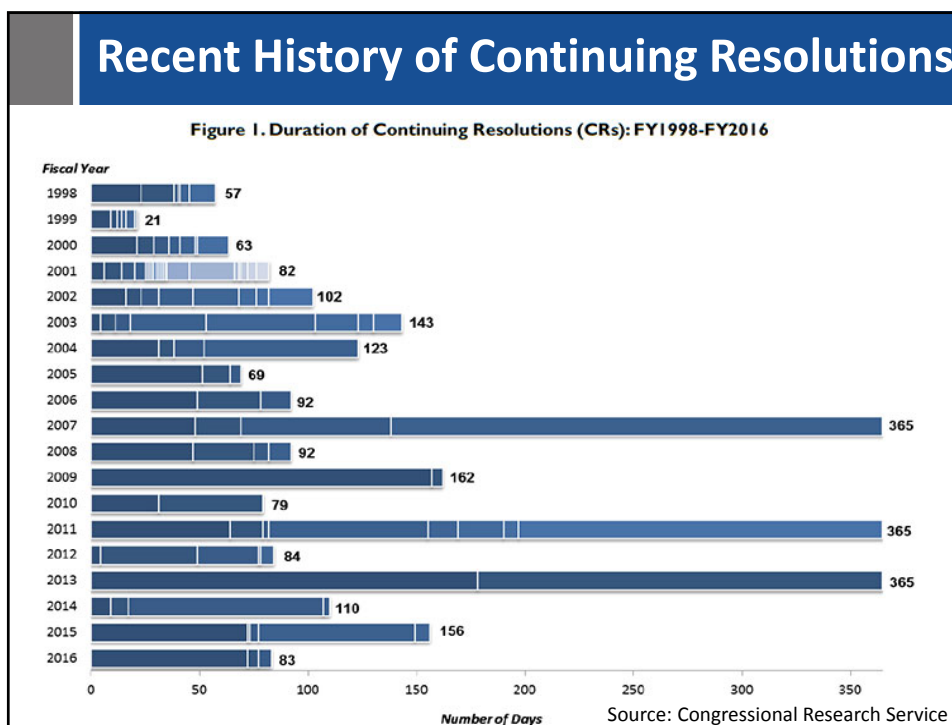
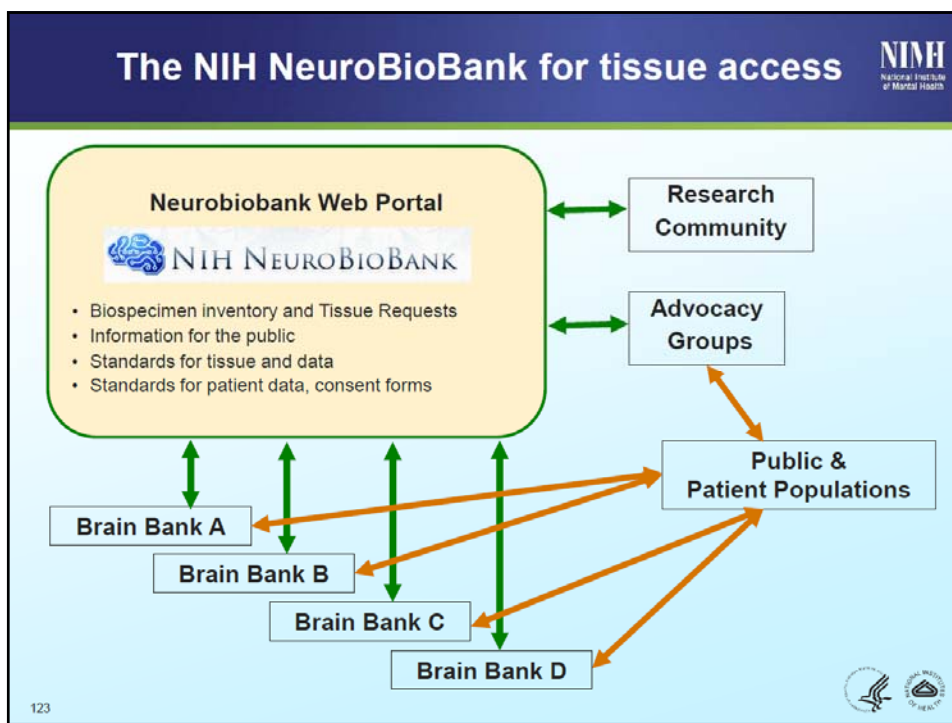
Neuroscience Training: *What's Changed?*

- Neuroscience is expanding in multiple directions
- Numbers of graduate students increased dramatically
- Time to independence increased dramatically
- Tools have become more sophisticated, and an increased degree of sophistication is needed for data analysis
- New emphasis on attracting scientists from outside biology
- New emphasis on rigor in experimental design and statistical analysis
- Funding climate became much more competitive during the 12 flat budget years and concern that associated pressures led to decline in career mentoring
- Early movement within BRAIN initiative to adapt a more “physics-like” model to engage team science to attack problems
 - Data platforms and data sharing
- Concern that attempts to increase diversity in trainees not translating as well as hoped into diversity in the academic science workforce

Increase Access to Human Tissues for Neuroscience Research

- Need ability to secure donations throughout the country via network of donors
- Increase public awareness/prospective donation
- Partner with disease advocacy communities and local medical examiners (ME) to increase donation
- Increase diversity of donor pool

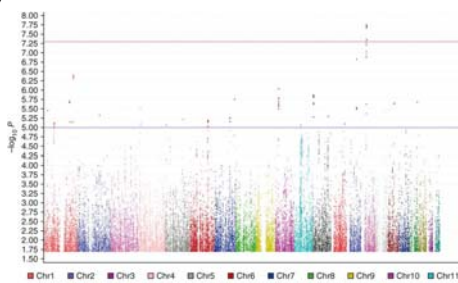




The GWAS Era

Genome-wide association studies (**GWAS**) have identified **hundreds of common DNA variants** associated with multiple **complex diseases and traits**.

>2/3 GWAS SNPs lie in noncoding regions (e.g. intergenic, introns).



Causal mechanism?
Causal gene/s?



StrokeNet: Decreasing the Burden of Stroke

- Increase trial **efficiency**
 - Decreases time to finish studies
- **Balanced**, prioritized set of early phase 2 and phase 3 trials in prevention, treatment and recovery
- Improved research **man/woman power** in stroke research.
 - Provides stable funding for research effort, fellowship training
- Improved **data sharing**
 - Single data center with uniform governance for data access
- Stable infrastructure enables improved **team research** among different subspecialties
- Improved ability to work in public-private **partnerships** with non-profits, industry and international partners



The Challenge

How do we translate new genomic findings into clinical targets?

Trait-associated
DNA variant

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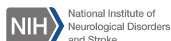
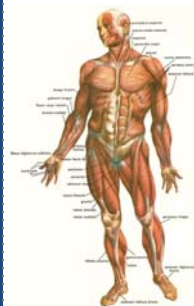
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Open questions

Causal gene/s?
Causal mechanism?
Causal tissue/s?
Causal pathway/s?

Complex disease



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The Opportunity

Beyond the GWAS Era

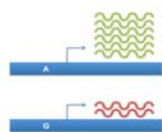
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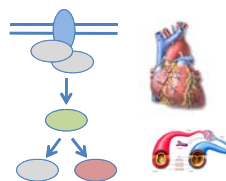
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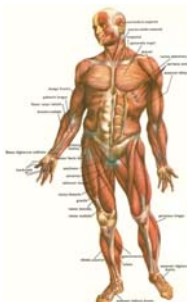
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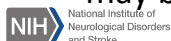
Causal genes?
Causal mechanisms?
Causal tissues?
Causal pathways?



Complex disease



Hypothesis: Disease-associated variants in noncoding regions may be affecting disease through gene regulation



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2015 GTEx Publications



Science
Mapping our differences
A catalog of variation in human gene expression

REPORTS
HUMAN GENOMICS
The human tissues a

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Transcriptional regulation of gene expression is a major driver of cellular specificity, with splicing playing a complementary role; except for the brain, which exhibits a more divergent splicing program. Variation in splicing, despite its stochasticity, may play in contrast a comparatively greater role in defining individual phenotypes.

sequences of genetic variation, and how it affects trait variation, remains a critical challenge for the field of genomics. We describe the landscape of gene expression variation across 1641 samples from 1000 Genomes Project individuals, generated as part of the pilot phase of the GTEx project. We describe the landscape of gene expression variation across 1641 samples from 1000 Genomes Project individuals, generated as part of the pilot phase of the GTEx project. We describe the landscape of gene expression variation across 1641 samples from 1000 Genomes Project individuals, generated as part of the pilot phase of the GTEx project.

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GTEx Completed!

Neurological Disorders: It's the brain



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Donation of Tissue for Research
Consider giving the most precious gift

VA Biorepository Brain Bank

What is the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Biorepository Brain Bank?

The VA Biorepository Brain Bank (VABBB) is a human tissue bank that collects, processes, stores and gives out research specimens for future scientific studies. Presently, the VABBB is obtaining neurologic tissue specimens from Veterans who suffer from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or its related forms, such as primary lateral sclerosis (PLS), progressive bulbar palsy (PBP), and progressive muscular atrophy (PMA).



Autism Science Foundation
UC Davis Mind Institute
Autism Speaks
SFARI Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative

IT TAKES BRAINS is the outreach program of the [Autism BrainNet](#), a new network of research institutions that will collaborate on groundbreaking brain research. Brain study is the key to solving autism, and our mission is to urge families to make the heroic decision to register for brain tissue donation.



Center for Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine Brain Tissue Repository
Caring for America's Veterans, So No One Stands Alone



MEDICAL RESEARCH & TISSUE DONATION

The purpose of the SUDEP Registry is to collect information about people with epilepsy who have died unexpectedly, to determine if they died from SUDEP or other causes, and to collect DNA and tissue for scientific studies about the causes of SUDEP.

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What is Concussion?

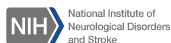
“TBI is defined as an alteration in brain function, or other evidence of brain pathology, caused by an external force.”



SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Position Statement: Definition of Traumatic Brain Injury

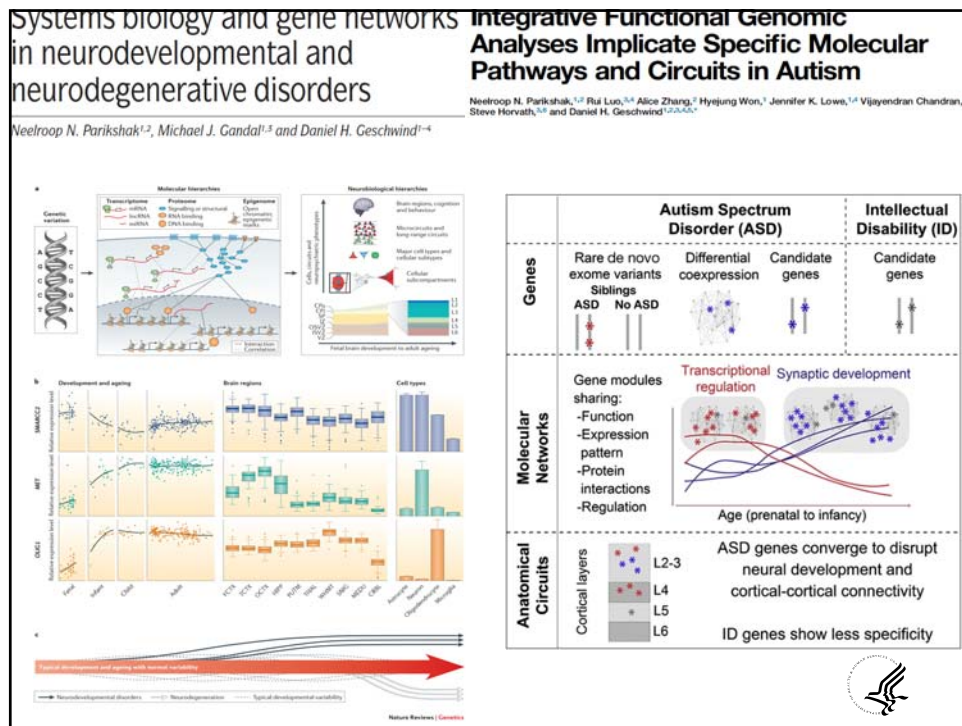
David K. Menon, MD, PhD, Karen Schwab, PhD, David W. Wright, MD, Andrew I. Maas, MD, PhD, on behalf of The Demographics and Clinical Assessment Working Group of the International and Interagency Initiative toward Common Data Elements for Research on Traumatic Brain Injury and Psychological Health



Human Tissues and Organs Resource for Research (HTORR)

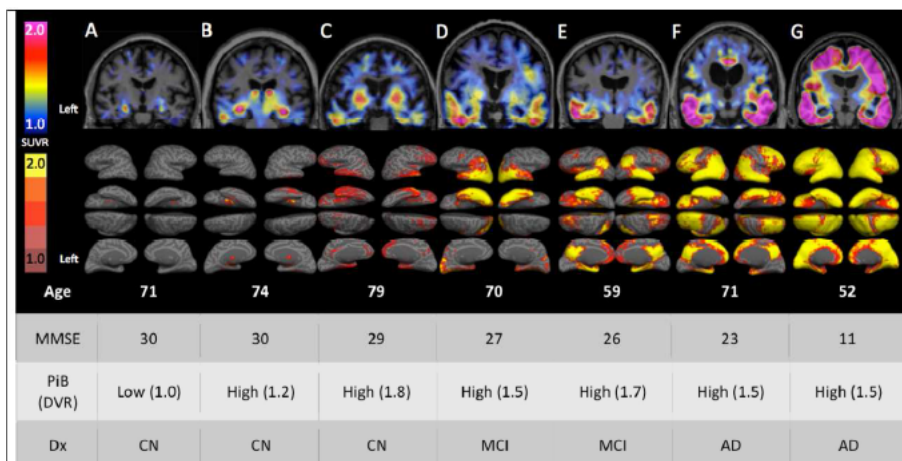
- Supported by the NIH Office of the Director through the Office of Research Infrastructure Programs
- 2013 – NDRI awarded \$6,865,689 (five year award) to continue funding the recovery and distribution of human organs and tissues for medical research.
 - A core grant from the NIH Office of the Director
 - Supplemented with additional funding from:
 - National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)
 - National Eye Institute (NEI)
 - National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
 - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
 - National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)
 - National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
 - National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

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Molecular Brain Imaging: The future

Tau PET scanning in persons with and without Alzheimer's dementia



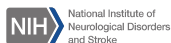
HTORR History

- 1987 – NDRI first awarded a grant to support Human Tissues & Organs Resource for Research (HTORR) Program
- Goal: to provide a broad range of normal and diseased human biospecimens to investigators at the NIH and other academic institutions
- 2002 – expanded to include dedicated programs to support and advance Rare Disease and HIV research
 - *National Rare Disease Biospecimen Resource (NRDBR)*
 - Contains over 2,000 tissues representing 101 rare diseases



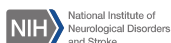
What Do We Need?

- Consensus diagnosis for CTE.
- Consensus diagnosis for single TBI chronic neurodegeneration
- Promising imaging tools for detection and diagnosis of CTE and/or TBI chronic neurodegeneration
- Estimate of prevalence in selected cohorts
- Brain donor program for population based study

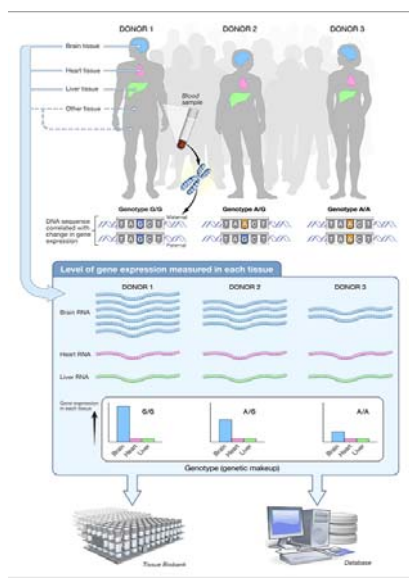


Chronic Pathology of Neurotrauma

- Goals:
 - Define the spectrum of chronic effects of neurotrauma and develop consensus neuropathologic criteria for chronic effects of:
 - Repetitive concussion
 - Single mild, moderate, or severe TBI
 - Search for neuroimaging correlate of chronic neuropathology after TBI by *ex vivo* imaging.
 - MRI, tau-PET
 - Better understand the prevalence of TBI-related chronic pathology in brains of persons with a variety of injury severity and exposures.
 - Exploratory studies considered high impact in peer review.



GTEx = Genotype-Tissue Expression



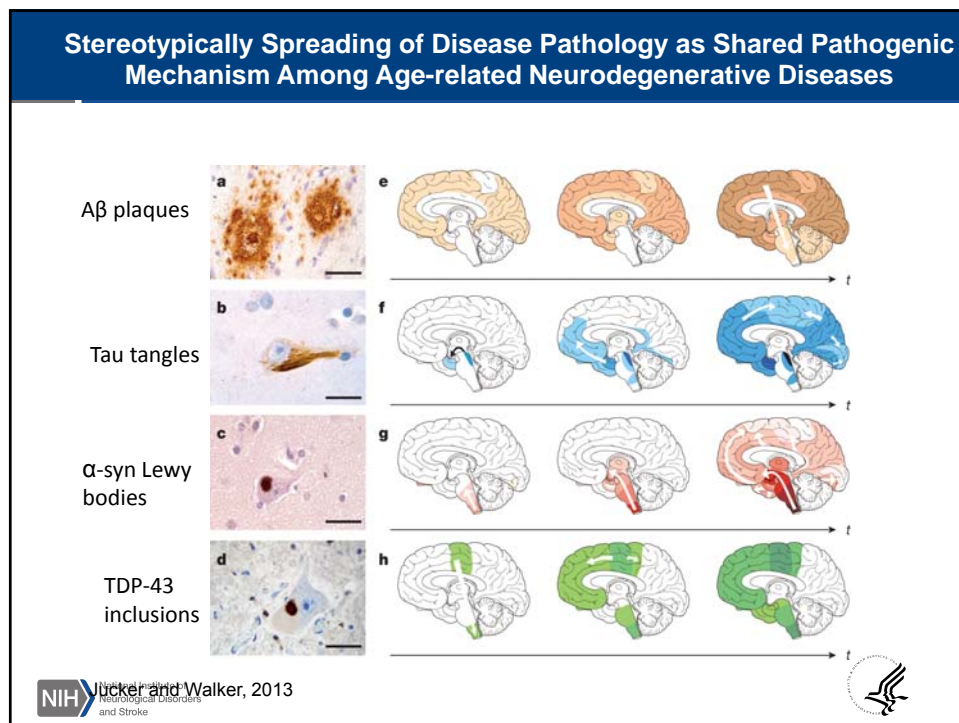
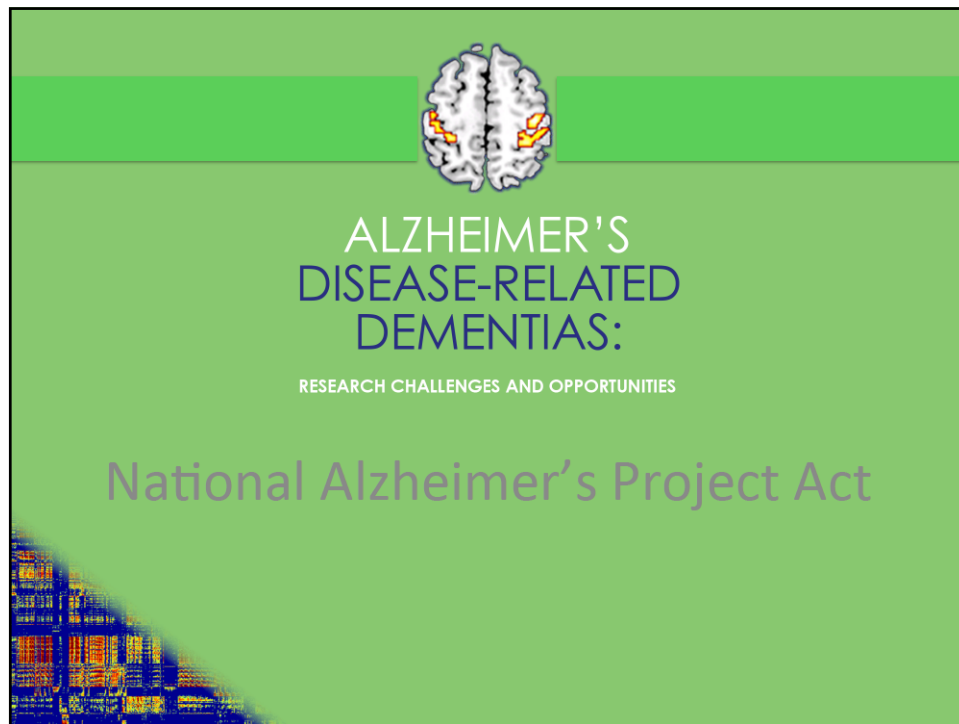
GTEx GOAL:

- to help unravel the complex interplay between genetic variation and gene expression across a wide range of non-diseased human tissues.
 - Atlas of gene expression & eQTLs
 - Biobank of tissues, DNA, RNA

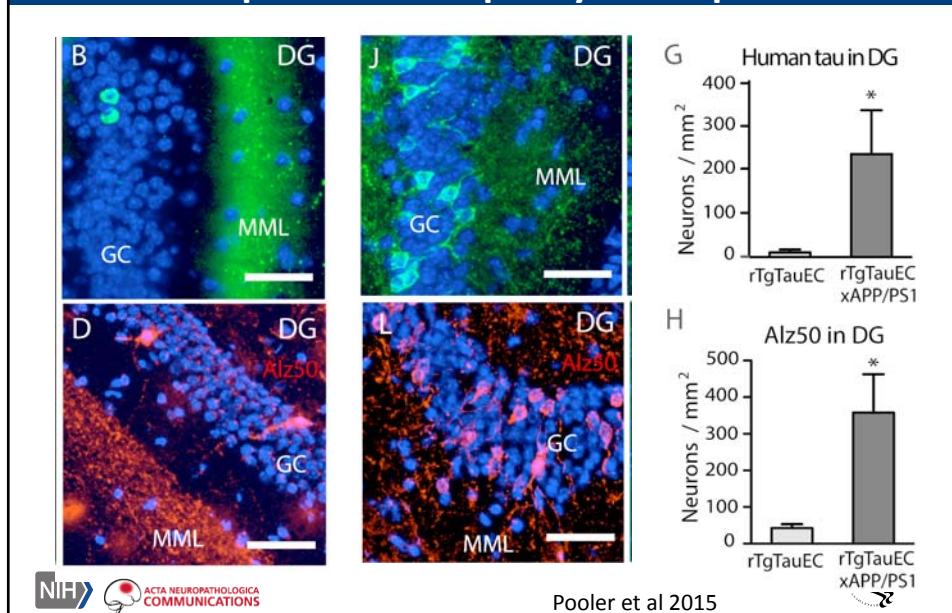
by 1/2016:

- 900 Postmortem Donors
- WES & WGS
- RNA-Seq of ~30 tissues/donor (>20,000 tissues)
- Beyond Gene Exp





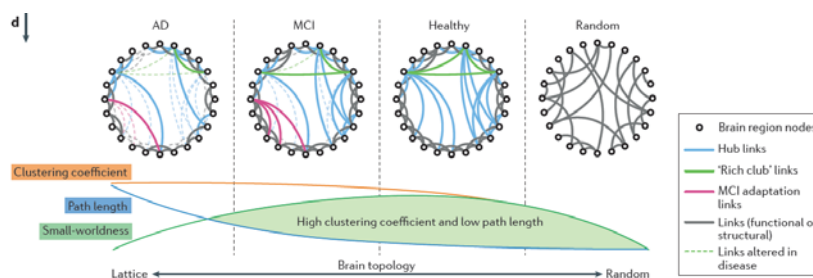
Dramatic acceleration of tau propagation in the presence of A β amyloid deposits

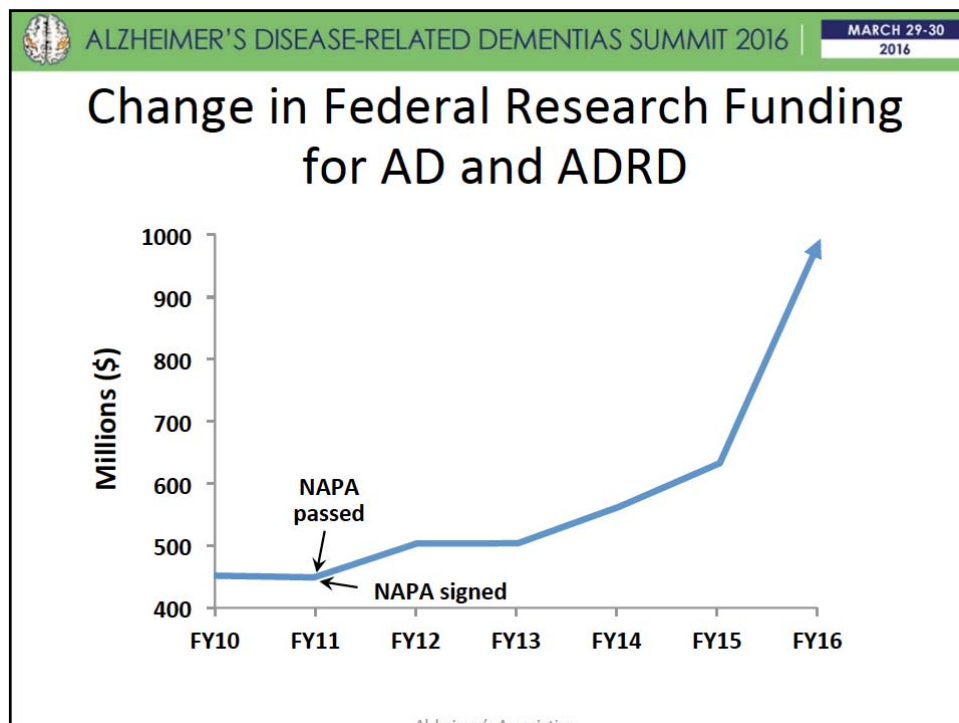
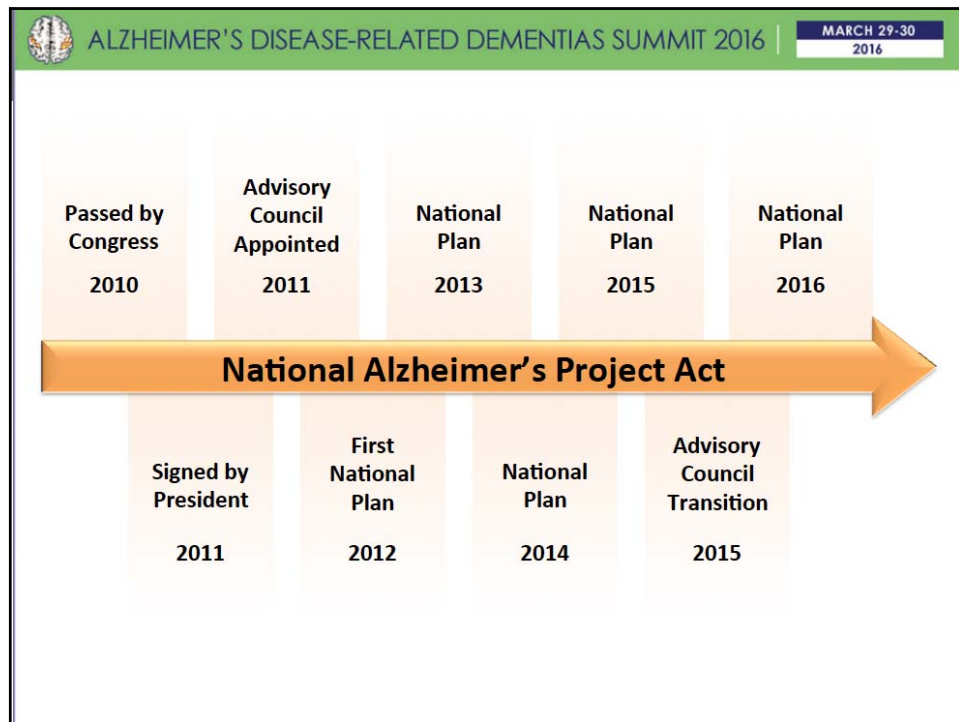


Identifying coexpression networks in tissues relevant to disease may lead to network-targeted therapies

Alzheimer's Disease Accelerated Medicine Partnership:

Mine a truly unique set of deep clinical, paraclinical, pathologic, genomic, epigenomic, and transcriptomic data assembled from frozen dorsolateral prefrontal cortex brain tissue of 1000 subjects from two cohort studies of aging and dementia.





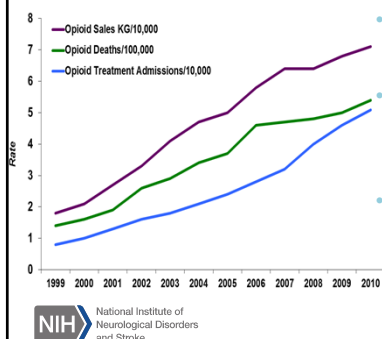
CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain: *Primary Care*

Clinical Questions

- Determining when to initiate or continue opioids for chronic pain
- Opioid selection, dosage, duration, follow-up, and discontinuation
- Assessing risk and addressing harms of opioid use



12 Recommendations

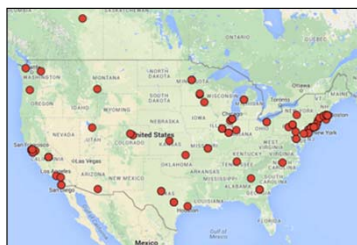


- Non-opioid therapy is preferred for chronic pain outside of active cancer, palliative, and end-of-life care.
- When opioids are used, the lowest possible effective dosage should be prescribed to reduce risks of opioid use disorder and overdose.
- Providers should always exercise caution when prescribing opioids and monitor all patients closely.



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2014 NIH BRAIN awards

- 58 awards, \$46 million

2015 NIH BRAIN awards

- 67 awards, \$38 million
- 130+ investigators, 8 countries outside the US

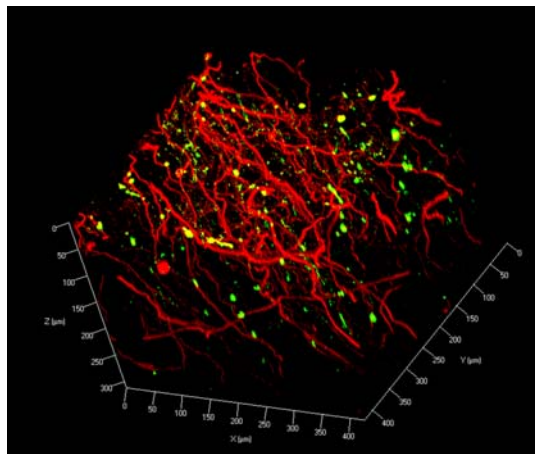
2016 NIH BRAIN awards

- Planning to make more than 100 awards, ~\$150 million

Bringing CLARITY to the human brain: visualization of Lewy pathology in three dimensions

Bringing CLARITY to the human brain: visualization of Lewy pathology in three dimensions

Z-stack image of double immunofluorescence with anti- α SN (green) and anti-TH (red) antibodies on human midbrain block (z-stack step size 1.5 μ m).



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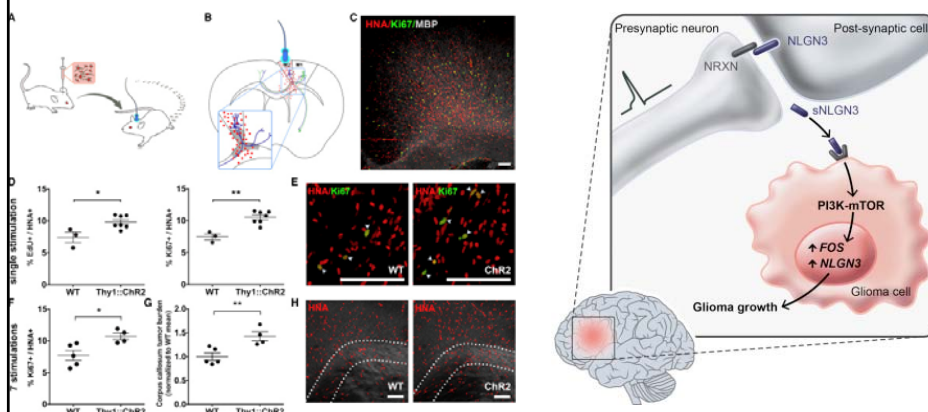
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Neuronal Activity Promotes Glioma Growth through Neuroligin-3 Secretion

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BRAIN Initiative: *Exciting Advances Continuing to Emerge*

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frontiers in Molecular Neuroscience

LETTER

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Bidirectional electromagnetic control of the hypothalamus regulates feeding and metabolism

Sarah A. Stanley¹, Leah Kelly¹, Kaumachi N. Latcha¹, Sarah F. Schmidt¹, Xiaofei Yu¹, Alexander R. Nectow¹, Jeremy Sauer², Jonathan P. Dyle³, Jonathan S. Dordick² & Jeffrey M. Friedman^{1,4}

A Toolkit for Orthogonal and *in vivo* Optical Manipulation of Ionotropic Glutamate Receptors

Joshua Levitz, Andrei T. Popescu, [...], and Ehud Y. Isacoff

LETTERS

Cre-dependent selection yields AAV variants for widespread gene transfer to the adult brain

Benjamin E. Deverman¹, Piers L. Pradoo², Bryan P. Simpson¹, Sriprya Ravindra Kumar¹, Ken Y. Chan¹, Abhik Banerjee¹, Wei-Li Wu¹, Bin Yang¹, Nina Huber¹, Sergio P. Pasca² & Viviana Gradinaru¹

Neuron

Volume 98, Issue 6, 16 December 2015, Pages 1121–1125

Mapping Sub-Second Structure in Mouse Behavior

Alexander D. Wiltschko^{1,2}, Matthew J. Johnson^{1,3}, Giuliano Ianni¹, Ralph E. Peterson¹, Jesse M. Katten¹, Fabian L. Theisewitz¹, Victoria E. Abramo¹, Hyman H. Adams¹, Sandeep Robert Datta^{1,2,4}

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Neuron

Inhibition, Not Excitation, Drives Rhythmic Whisking

Over 130 publications emerged from NIH BRAIN to date

Expression Analysis Highlights AXIN Entry Receptor in Neural Stem Cells

Tomasz J. Nowakowski^{1,2,3}, Alex A. Pollen^{1,2,3}, Elizabeth Di Lullo^{1,2}, Carmen Sandoval Espinosa^{1,2}, Marina Denshlyayn^{1,2}, Arnold R. Kriegstein^{1,2,3}

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Exciting New Discoveries

Drs. Florian Engert and Alexander Schier map whole brain neural activity on the anatomical map of the zebrafish brain – “Z Brain”

- Create expandable, open-sourced atlas includes whole-brain activity patterns resulting from calcium influx associated with neuronal firing, paired with behaviors
- BRAIN award to identify form, function, and plasticity of circuits in zebrafish brain
- Generate quantitative model of neural circuits across brain that explains dynamic processing of information and generation of motor output

Advance:

- Whole-brain activity assessed via pERK expression following behavior
- High-throughput confocal imaging to create 3D brain maps from ~900 zebrafish
- Labeling to identify 294 distinct brain regions

Z-Brain

a Confocal volume registration

b Apply the registration to the anatomical label

c Generate mean stack of label across fish

Pre-registration **Post-registration** **Pre-registration** **Post-registration** **Pre-registration** **Post-registration**

Fish 1 **Fish 2** **Fish 3** **Fish 1** **Fish 2** **Fish 3** **Fish 1** **Fish 2** **Fish 3**

IERK **Reticulospinal backfills** **Reticulospinal backfills**

Mean of 24 fish

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THE BRAIN INITIATIVE® **Exciting New Discoveries**

Drs. Jay Shendure and Alexander Schier develop novel tool for studying cell lineages in whole organisms

Genome editing of synthetic target arrays for lineage tracing (GESTALT) tracks cell fate in complex, multicellular organisms (*Science*)

- Method uses CRISPR/Cas9 to edit a unique set of genes, called a “barcode,” to mark individual cells
 - Zebrafish embryos are injected with different barcodes, and cell expression is examined at multiple developmental time points
 - Mutation patterns are used to determine lineage relationships and cell fate
- Improves ability to create a census of cell types in complex organisms
- Powerful new tool in developmental biology to study normal and abnormal development

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B

BRAIN: *Exciting New Tools*

Drop-Seq single cell analysis

- Steve McCarroll, Joshua Sanes, and colleagues, *Cell*
- Rapid, inexpensive method for classifying cells based on gene expression profiles
- Completes genome-wide gene expression in thousands of individual cells in a single experiment
- 44,808 retinal cells from mice sorted into 39 distinct populations
- This technology brings us closer to having a complete parts list for the brain

Drop-seq single cell analysis

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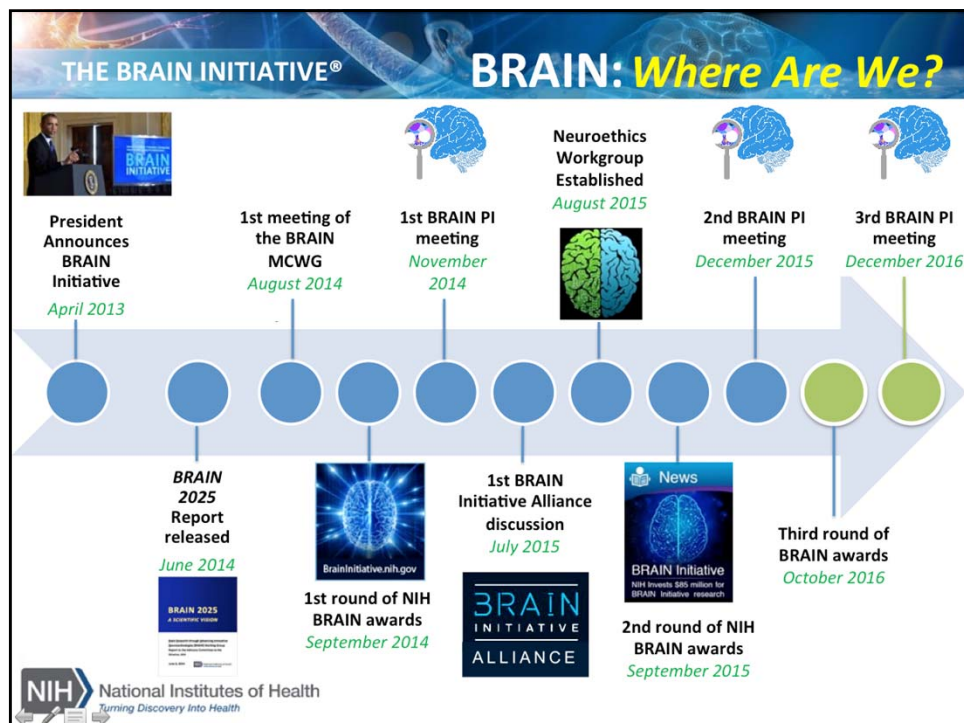



Mission Statement: *The aim of the BRAIN Initiative Alliance is to coordinate and facilitate communications from its members related to the BRAIN Initiative.*

Short Term Focus: Launched website that serves as a single point of communication for all BRAIN Initiative-related announcements of funding opportunities and accomplishments





THE BRAIN INITIATIVE® **SFN Satellite Event**

Title: BRAIN Initiative “TAD Talks:” Technology Accelerating Discovery

When: 6:30pm-8:30pm (Pacific), November 14, 2016

Sponsor: The BRAIN Initiative Alliance



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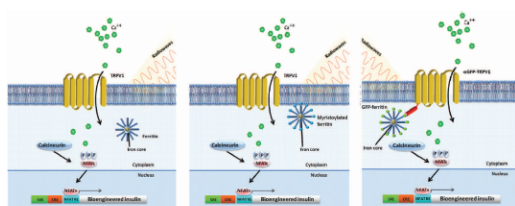
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Cell and Circuit Manipulation



Remote regulation of TRPV1 channels

Stanley, Mt. Sinai

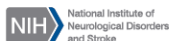
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SAFETY VALIDATION OF REPEATED BLOOD–BRAIN BARRIER DISRUPTION USING FOCUSED ULTRASOUND

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BRAIN Funding in FY2017: *New Concepts*

Brain Cell
Types

Tools for
Circuit
Diagrams

Tech. to
Monitor
Neural
Activity

Precise
Inter-
ventional
Tools

Theory and
Data
Analysis
Tools

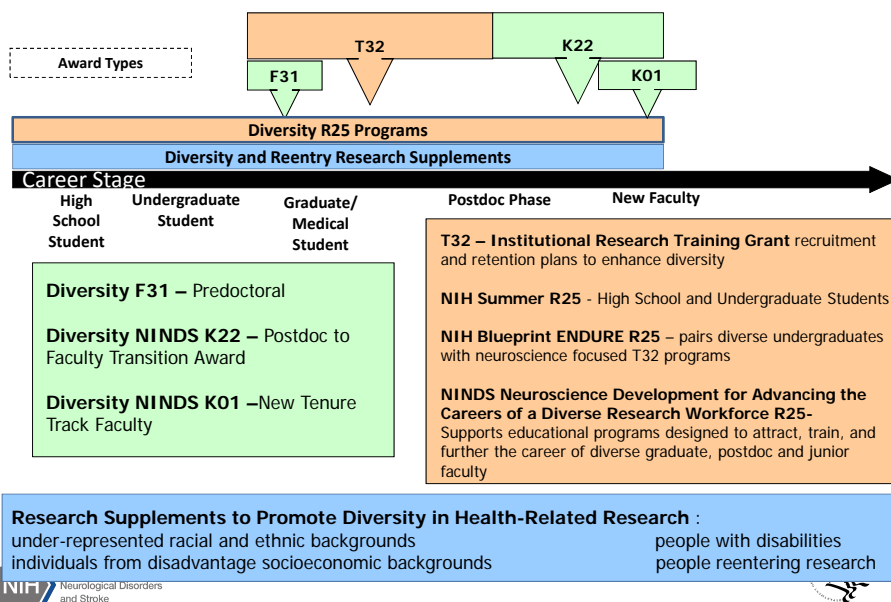
Advance
Human
Neuroscience

Integrate
Approaches

Funding Opportunity Concepts for FY17 Include:

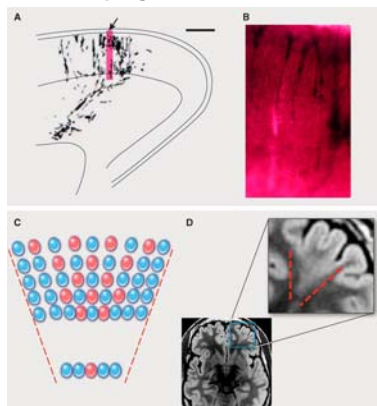
- Comprehensive & Specialized Cell Phenotyping Centers (+ Phase2)
- Selected Cell Phenotyping Projects for Human/Non-human Primate Cell Classification (U01)
- BRAIN Data Centers for Cell Phenotyping, Integrated approaches, and Human recording (U24)
- Development of Next-Generation Human Brain Imaging Tools and Technologies: + Phase II (U01), and Human Recording Consortia with data hubs.
- BRAIN Initiative Fellows Training Grant (F32)
- Research Career Enhancement Award (K18)
- Targeted Integrated Approaches Research Projects Phase 2 (U01)
- Exploratory Targeted Integrated Approaches Research Projects (U01)

NINDS Diversity Scientific Training and Career Opportunities



Somatic Mutation in BRAIN; Chris Walsh Boston Children's Hospital

Focal cortical dysplasia: a clonal-appearing brain lesion suspected to be caused by somatic mutation in a progenitor cell..

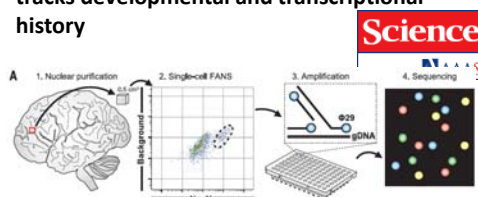


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Somatic mutation in single human neurons tracks developmental and transcriptional history



- Somatic single nucleotide variants are found commonly in brain.
- SNVs are most common in coding exons
- Strand bias suggests that SNVs occur in transcriptionally active genes.
- SNVs correlate with epigenetic markers of transcription
- Suggests that transcriptional-related damage to DNA occurs “use it and lose it”



**Degenerative
change**

Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)

- Progressive degenerative disease
- Dementia pugilistica “punch-drunk syndrome”
- Post-mortem diagnosis
 - Nerve cell loss
 - Accumulation of tau protein/neurofibrillary tangles
- Repetitive brain injury raises the risk



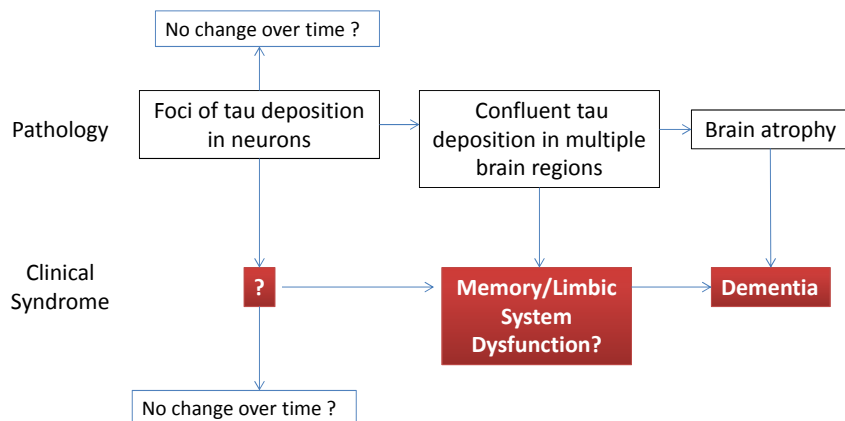
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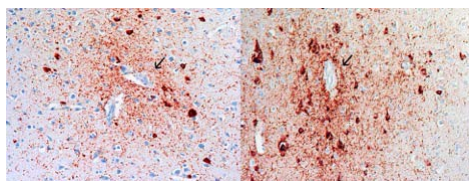
BIG Questions Remain

1. What are the underlying **mechanisms** of post-concussive syndrome?
2. What are the underlying mechanisms of increased **vulnerability** to prolonged post concussive syndrome with repeated concussion?
3. What **dose** of TBI (*e.g., number, intensity, temporal pattern, regional factors*) is associated with foci of tau deposits?
4. How does tau deposition **evolve** to affect widespread brain regions. (*e.g., spread vs. different regional rates of neurodegeneration*)?
5. Given similar exposures, how can we **predict** an individual's risk for CTE? (*e.g., genetics, environmental influences, lifestyle, etc.*)

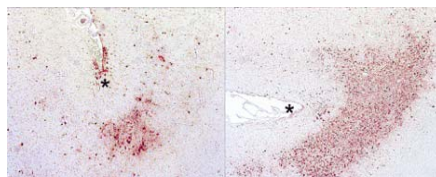


Criteria for Pathological Diagnosis of CTE

- NIH Consensus Conference (*Boston, Feb 2015*)
- In CTE, the tau lesion considered pathognomonic was an abnormal perivascular accumulation of tau in neurons, astrocytes, and cell processes in an irregular pattern at the depths of the cortical sulci.



Tau antibody staining of neurons and neurites in perivascular pattern (arrow pointing to blood vessel).



Lower field photo illustrating the focal nature of the tau staining at depth of sulci (asterisk at bottom of sulcus).

