New Hires, Departures, Searches
Swearing in of Debara L. Tucci, M.D., M.S., M.B.A.
Director, NIDCD
Welcome Back, Ned!
Norman E. Sharpless, M.D.
Director, National Cancer Institute
Tara Schwetz, Ph.D.
Acting Director, NINR
Santa Tumminia, Ph.D.
Acting Director, NEI
Robert H. Carter, M.D.
Acting Director, NIAMS
Lawrence A. Tabak, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Acting Director, NIDCR
John Ngai, Ph.D.
Selected as Director, NIH BRAIN Initiative
Joshua Denny, M.D., M.S.
Selected as Chief Executive Officer, *All of Us* Research Program
Stephanie Devaney, Ph.D.
Chief Operating Officer, All of Us Research Program
Eric Dishman
Chief Innovation Officer, All of Us Research Program
Congress Members Craig (MN), Foster (IL), Houlahan (PA), McBath (GA)

New Democrat Coalition

July 15, 2019
Congressmen Carter (TX), DeSaulnier (CA)
Congressional Cancer Survivors Caucus

July 18, 2019
House Freshmen Working Group on Addiction
Riggleman (VA), Cox (CA), Joyce (PA), Shalala (FL),
Trone (MD), Lamb (PA), Lee (NV)

September 9, 2019
Cancer Immunotherapy Discussion with Nobel Laureate James Allison, Ph.D.; Congress Members DeLauro (CT), Fletcher (TX), Lowey (NY), Upton (MI)

September 11, 2019
House Appropriations Subcommittee
Investments in Medical Research at Five Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health

September 25, 2019
Visit to University of Kentucky
With HHS Secretary Azar, Senator McConnell

October 7, 2019
Visit to U Mass Medical School, Worcester
With Congressman McGovern

October 11, 2019
Black Maternal Health Caucus Roundtable
With Co-chairs Adams (NC) and Underwood (IL)

December 11, 2019
AWARDS
NICHD Director Diana W. Bianchi, M.D.
2019 Pioneer Award, Intl Society for Prenatal Diagnosis

September 8, 2019
NIAID Director Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.
Government Hall of Fame

September 19, 2019
W. Marston Linehan, M.D.
Chief, Urologic Oncology Branch, NCI
Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals

2019 Science and Environment Finalist
2019 Presidential Rank Award
Meritorious Executive Recipients from NIH

Maria D. Joyce, MBA, CPA
Chief Financial Officer,
Clinical Center

Andrea T. Norris, MBA
Director,
Center for Information Technology

Awards ceremony, hosted by the Senior Executives Association, will take place on December 19, 2019
King’s College London Awards Larry Tabak an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree

October 15, 2019
SPECIAL EVENTS
At the Kennedy Center with Renée Fleming
September 12, 2019

Joined by Charles Limb during the REACH’s Justice Forum
NSO Presents ‘Sound Health’ Concert at NIH
September 26, 2019
Diane Rehm at CFC Kickoff
October 16, 2019
Paul A. Sieving, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, National Eye Institute
Retired on July 29, 2019

Retirement Celebration on September 5, 2019
Linda S. Birnbaum, Ph.D., D.A.B.T., A.T.S.
Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
and the National Toxicology Program (NTP)
Retired on October 3, 2019

October 3, 2019 at NIEHS Headquarters
September 12, 2019 in Bethesda
In Memoriam
Scientists find promising drug combination against lethal childhood brain cancers

Studies in cell and animal models reveal insights into cancer cells’ vulnerability that could lead to new strategies against brain cancers.

NIH, Cincinnati Children’s scientists develop potential strategy against leukemia drug resistance

Two-pronged approach stymies AML escape plan, could have applications to many cancers.

Two commonly used uveitis drugs perform similarly in NIH-funded clinical trial

was more effective than mycophenolate mofetil at treating severe forms of the eye

Intensive blood pressure control may slow age-related brain damage

NIH-funded trial shows heart and metabolic benefits independent of weight loss

Pediatric drug trial finds benefit in teens with heart defect

Results from NIH-funded trial could extend patients’ well-being.

Most kidney transplants between people with HIV have long-term success

Recipients living with HIV show no indication of secondary infection with donor HIV strain.

NIH publishes the largest genomic study on type 2 diabetes in sub-Saharan African populations

Researchers show critical association between diabetes and previously unlinked ZRANB3 gene.
Thanks, Mom and Dad

In the season of gratitude, several successful people reflect on what they most appreciate learning from their parents.

By Debra Weiner

Nov. 26, 2019
Global Health Issues
New NIH-BMGF Collaboration to Develop Gene-Based Cures for Sickle Cell Disease and HIV

October 23, 2019
Accelerating Medicines Partnership (AMP) Update
Massive NIH–industry project opens portals to target validation

Five years in, the US$360 million Accelerating Medicines Partnership is yielding tools to speed up drug discovery for rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, diabetes, Alzheimer disease and Parkinson disease.
Summary of AMP’s impact on target prioritization activities

New targets of interest

Targets now higher priority

Targets now deprioritized

Number of targets

- Academic
- Industry
- Non profit
Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) Update