

NIH Office of Research on Women's Health

## 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the NIH Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health

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## **Outline of ACRWH Director's Report**

- I. Opening remarks
- II. NIH updates
- III. Funding, Budget, & Legislative updates
- IV. Policy & Scientific updates
- V. ICO Collaborations
- VI. Careers
- VII. Closing



#### In Memoriam Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder 1940 – 2023

#### IMPACT

I am the ripple in the pond, The stone that's thrown into the lake. I am the wave that crashes on the shore, The wind that blows through the trees.

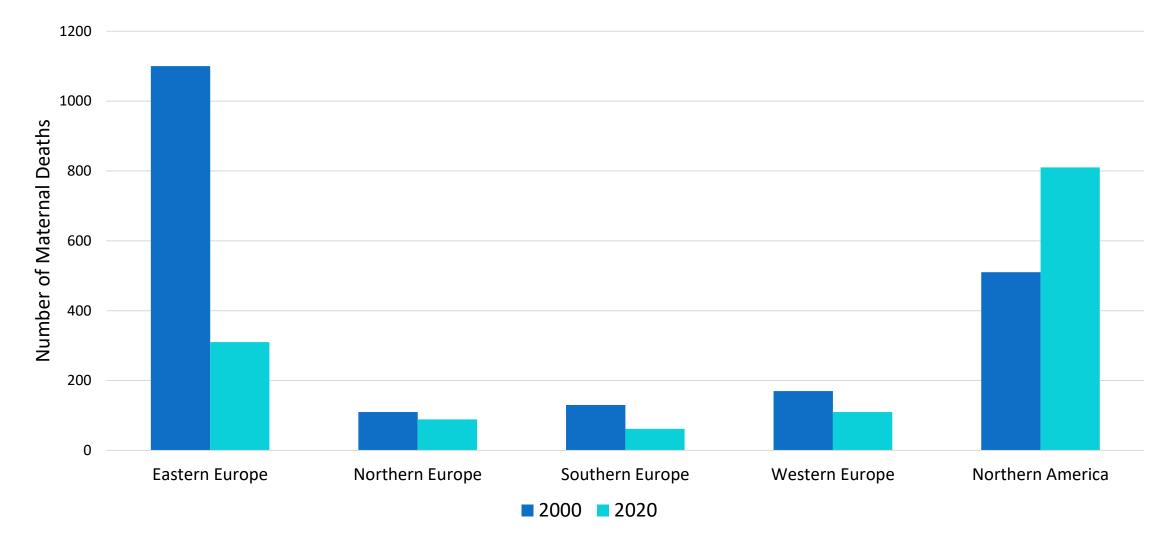
I am the change that you can't see, The force that makes things happen. I am the impact that you leave, The legacy that you create.



"We need to make sure that women have access to quality health care. Women's health is important, and we need to make sure that women have the care they need."



# WHO 2023 Report: U.S. Maternal Mortality Worsened from 2000 to 2020 while Peer Nations' Maternal Mortality Improved

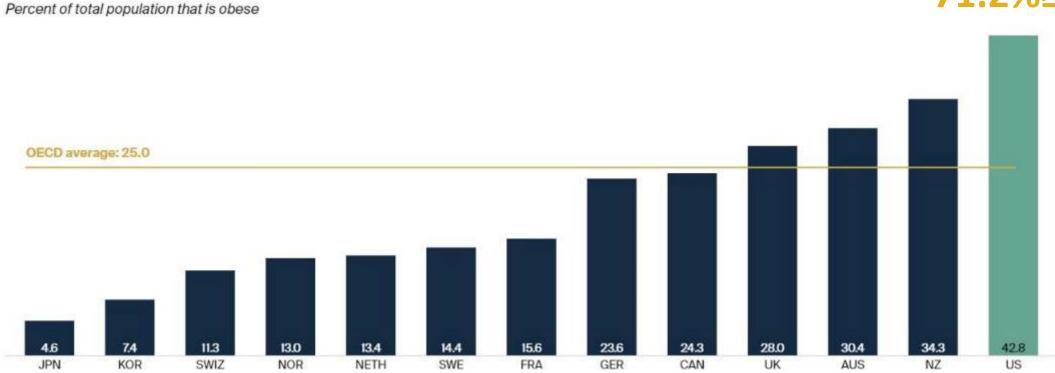


Adapted from Trends in maternal mortality 2000 to 2020: Estimates by WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group and UNDESA/Population Division. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2023. License: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO.



## The U.S. Obesity Rate Far Exceeds OECD Average

**71.2%**≥



https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2023/jan/us-health-care-global-perspective-2022?utm\_source=newsletter&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=newsletter\_axiosvitals&stream=top



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### 6 ICOs Partner with ORWH to Issue New Chronic Disease Research Opportunities

- WHC Report highlights chronic disease and multimorbidity
- Aligned with Goal 1 of NIH Strategic Plan for Women's Health Research:
  - Advance rigorous research relevant to the health of women.
- Understanding Chronic Conditions Understudied Among Women (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (<u>RFA-OD-23-013</u>)

(R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (RFA-OD-23-014)

• First Due Date: May 19, 2023



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Office of AIDS Research

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development



https://orwh.od.nih.gov/sites/orwh/files/docs/ORWH-WHC-Report-508C.pdf

PERSPECTIVES ON ADVANCING NIH RESEARCH TO INFORM AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF WOMEN

National Institutes of Health Office of the Director Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives Office of Research on Women's Health

Full Report

### **NIH Updates**

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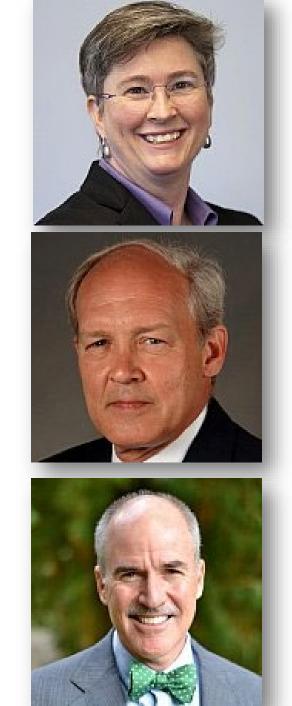
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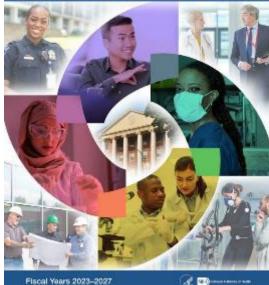
#### Joni L. Rutter, Ph.D. Director, NCATS

Hugh Auchincloss, M.D.

**Acting Director, NIAID** 



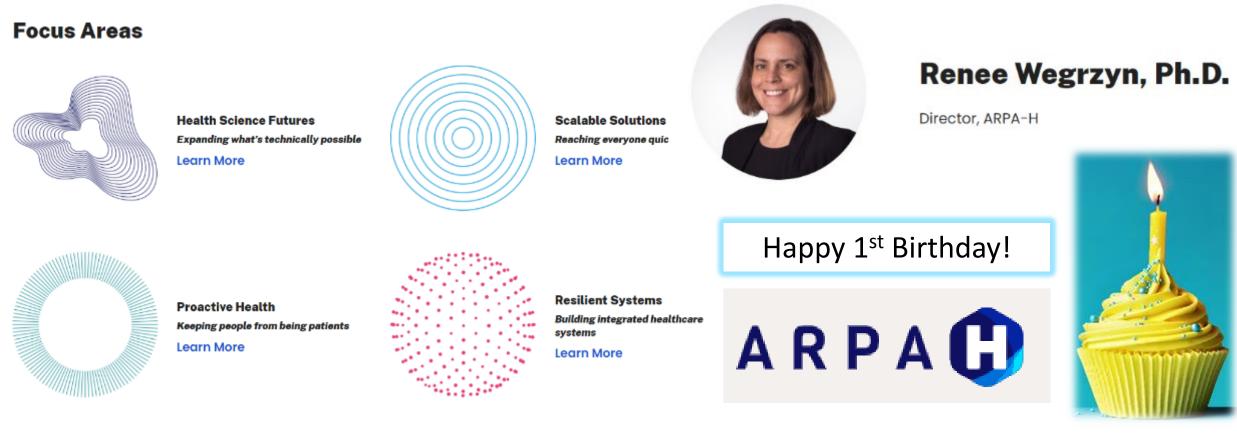
NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility



#### Peter Kilmarx, M.D. Acting Director, Fogarty International Center

### Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)

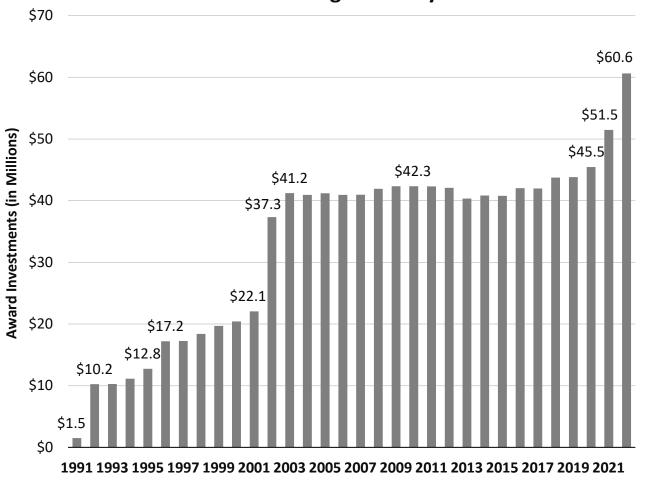
Supports transformative research to drive biomedical and health breakthroughs to provide transformative health solutions for all



FY22 Funding ORWH Research Programs



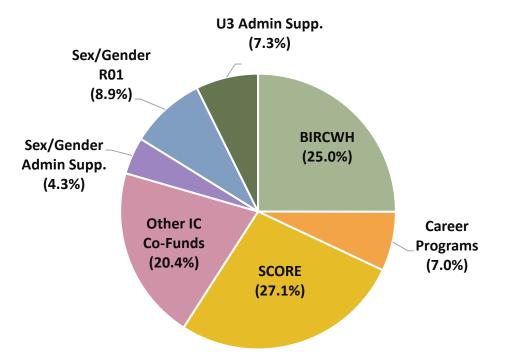
#### **ORWH Budget History & FY2022 Extramural Grant Award Profile**



**ORWH Budget History** 



Note: Award investments do not adjust for inflation.



#### ORWH FY2022 Extramural Grant Awards by Program (as % of Extramural Budget)

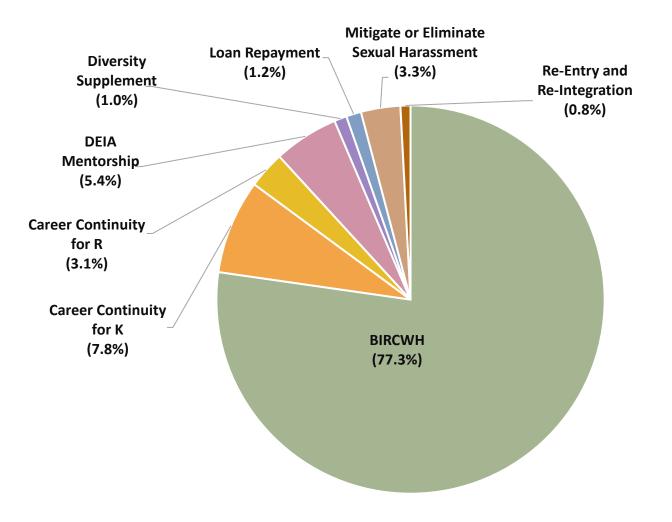
Source: NIH IMPAC II FY2022 frozen data.

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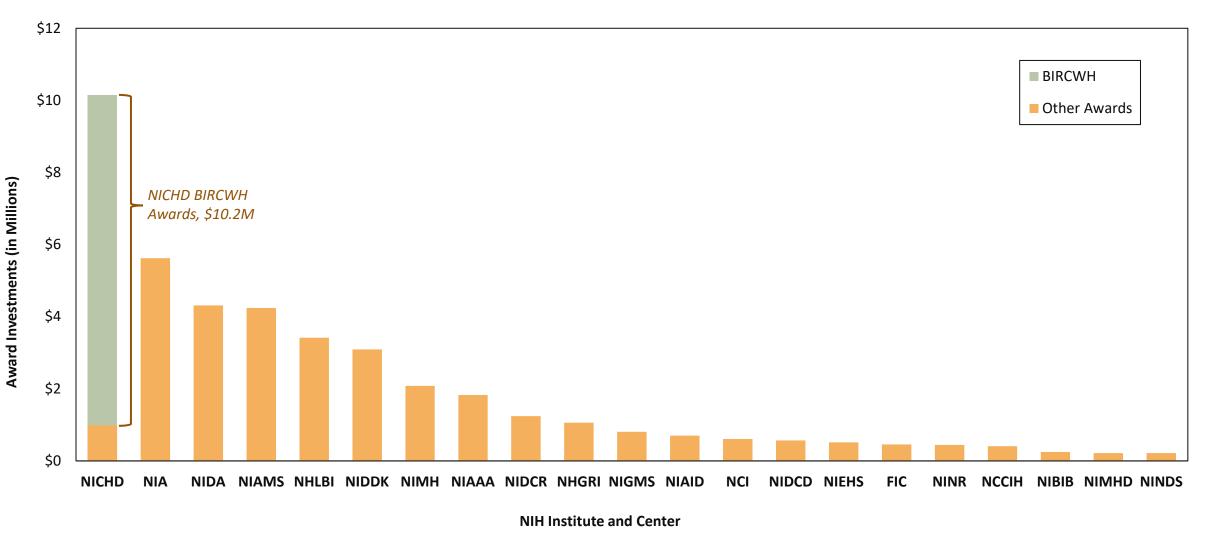
#### ORWH FY2022 Career Programs Total = \$14,004,153 Including Loan Repayment Awards



Source: NIH IMPAC II FY2022 frozen data and NIH nVision database (for Loan Repayment



#### ORWH FY2022 Extramural Award Investments by IC (including BIRCWH funding)

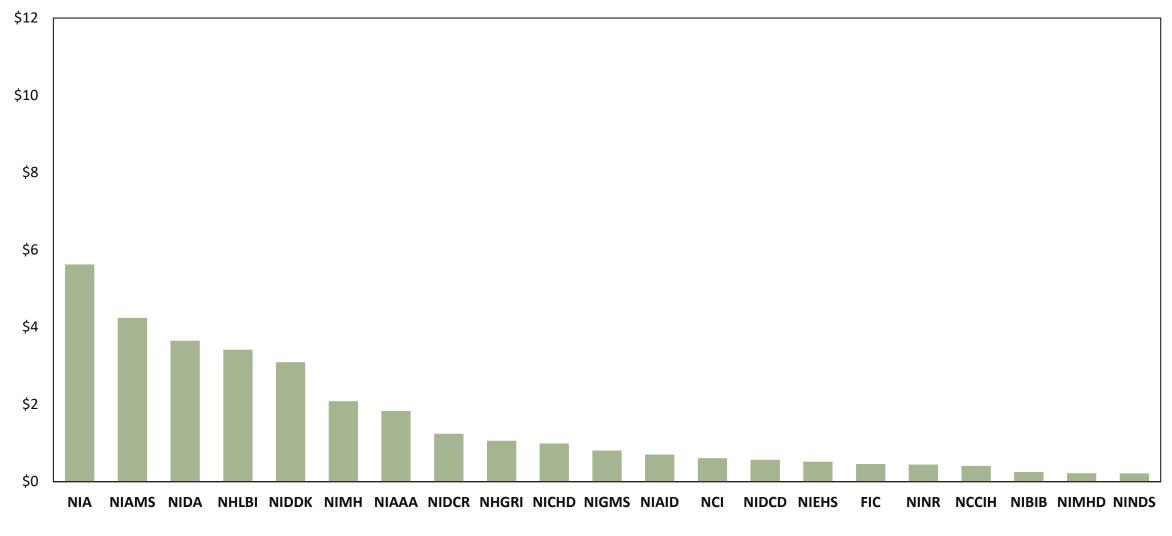


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Source: NIH IMPAC II FY2022 frozen data.

Award Investments (in Millions)

Note: ORWH total investments = \$32,402,370. Funding portfolio excludes NICHD and NIDA BIRCWH investments, Contract R&D, IAA, and Loan Repayment awards.

**NIH Institute and Center** 

#### **ORWH Extramural Award Investments by Research Program in FY2022**

Program	ORWH Investments	# of Co- Funding ICs	List of Co-Funding ICs
BIRCWH*	\$10,820,409	2	NICHD; NIDA
Career Programs:			FIC; NCCIH; NHLBI; NIA; NIAAA; NIAMS; NICHD; NIDA; NIDCD: NIDCR: NIDDK: NIGMS
Without Loan Repayment	\$3,009,110	12 FIC; NCCIH; NHLBI; NIA; NIAAA; NIAMS; NICHD; NIDA; NIDCD; NIDCR; NIDDK; NIGMS	
With Loan Repayment**	\$3,183,744		
SCORE	\$11,707,976	5	NIA; NIAAA; NIDA; NIDDK; NIMH
Sex/Gender R01	\$3,830,594	8	NHGRI; NHLBI; NIA; NIAID; NIAMS; NIDA; NIDCR; NIEHS
Sex/Gender Admin Supp.	\$1,877,128	8	NCI; NHLBI; NIA; NIAMS; NICHD; NIDA; NIDDK; NIMH
U3 Admin Supp.	\$3,161,856	11	NCI; NHLBI; NIAAA; NICHD; NIDA; NIDDK; NIGMS; NIMH; NIMHD; NINDS; NINR
Other IC Co-Funds	\$8,815,706	15	FIC; NCCIH; NCI; NHGRI; NHLBI; NIAID; NIAMS; NIBIB; NICHD; NIDA; NIDCR; NIDDK; NIGMS; NIMH; NINR
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\* In FY2022, NICHD, NIDA, NCI, NIAAA, and NIAID also supported the BIRCWH program with additional funds.



### **Office of Research on Women's Health Receives \$76.48 million FY23**

#### \$5 million

Support the Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) program

#### \$10 million

Establish the Office of Autoimmune Disease Research (OADR)

#### \$2 million

Contract with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to conduct a study on gaps in NIH women's health research

NASEM study to explore:

- $\checkmark$  Proportion of research on conditions that are more common or unique to women
- $\checkmark$  Establish how these conditions are defined
- $\checkmark$  Evaluate sex differences and racial health disparities
- ✓ Determine the appropriate level of funding to address gaps in women's health research at NIH

Congress to receive a report within 18 months

✓ Findings and recommendations to address research gaps in women's health research

P.L. 117-328 Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023



Division H--Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,

### FY23 Omnibus Language – NEW NIH Office of Autoimmune Disease Research (OADR)

Many autoimmune diseases predominately affect womena 2022 NASEM report recommended the establishment of an NIH Office of Autoimmune Disease Research

The agreement directs OADR to:

- 1. Coordinate development of multi-IC strategic research plan
- 2. Identify emerging areas of innovation and research opportunity
- 3. Coordinate and foster collaborative research across ICs
- 4. Annually evaluate NIH Autoimmune Disease Research (ADR) portfolio
- 5. Provide resources to support planning, collaboration, and innovation
- 6. Develop publicly accessible central repository for ADR

# ORWH and OADR will brief the Committees within 150 days of enactment of this Act on NIH's efforts to stand up OADR and the status of the directives.

Division H--Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023

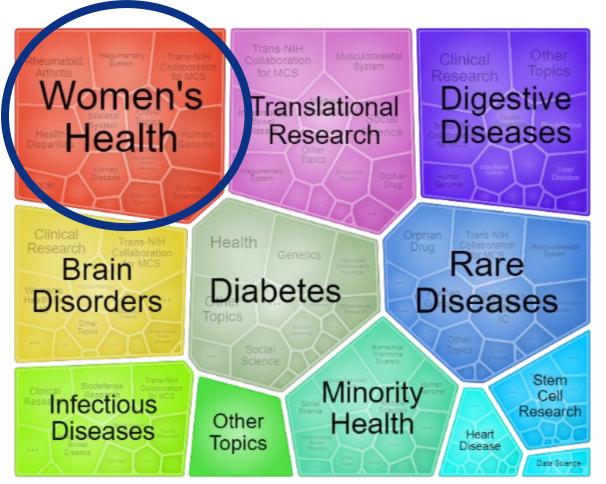


https://nap.nationalacademies.org/ca talog/26554/enhancing-nih-researchon-autoimmune-disease



P.L. 117-328 Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023

## NIH Investment in Autoimmune Disease Research



Type 1 and 3 Activities with Autoimmune Disease Spending Category, sorted by additional listed Spending Categories (FY21-22)

NIH investment in Autoimmune Disease Research has increased over the past 5 years, reaching **\$946,356,182** in FY21.

In FY21 and FY22, **1,443** new research and administrative supplement grants listed Autoimmune Disease as the spending category.

Providing pathways to interdisciplinary collaboration across ICOs is key.



# OADR-ORWH Current and Future Actions

#### Infrastructure

- Establish OADR-ORWH Core
- Recruit two FTEs
- Support ADR workforce & trainees
- Identify existing datasets
- Promote Common Data Elements

#### Scientific Direction

- Conduct environmental scane.g. NASEM report
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- Collaborate with ICOs
- Perform portfolio analyses
- Develop strategic plan

#### Public Engagement

- Meet with patient advocate groups & associations
- Solicit input from the community
- Release Request for Information (RFI)
- Develop communications and stakeholder engagement plans

#### Funding Opportunities

- FY23 Co-funding ADR from highly meritorious ICO applications
- Collaborative ICO opportunities for FY23 and FY24
- New OADR programs



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### Autoimmune diseases included in new research opportunities

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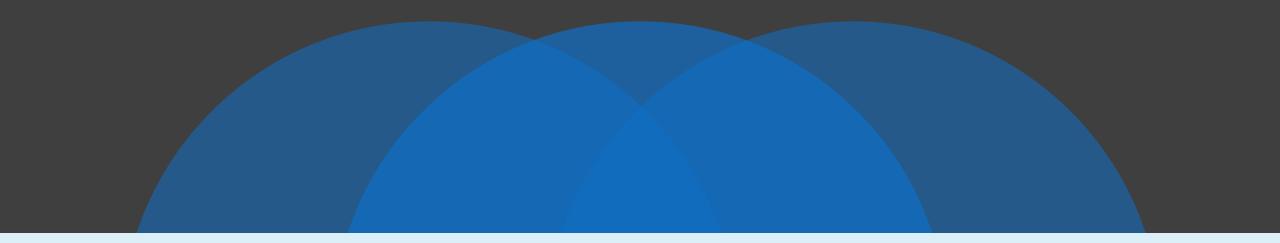
Understanding Chronic Conditions Understudied Among Women (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) <u>RFA-OD-23-013</u>

Open Date: May 19, 2023\*

"This NOFO will support research on chronic conditions that affect all women and individuals assigned female at birth that remain understudied building upon opportunities identified at the ORWH-led <u>Advancing NIH Research</u> on Women's Health: A 2021 Conference ...

Women have higher prevalence of chronic conditions; often present with different symptoms (e.g., dizziness rather than chest pain with cardiac disease); are affected by different chronic conditions (e.g., female-specific conditions, **autoimmune disease**); and accumulate multi-morbidity at different life course timepoints (e.g., after menopause) compared to men. Additionally, the burden of chronic conditions is not evenly distributed among communities of women, with higher prevalence among populations of women historically understudied and underrepresented in biomedical research (e.g., women from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations, women in economically disadvantaged groups, women who live in underserved rural populations, and women of sexual and gender minority groups)."





### **POLICY & SCIENTIFIC UPDATES**



### **NIH Inclusion Policies Have Evolved Over Time**



NIH's Inclusion Policy Officer

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https://orwh.od.nih.gov/womens-health-research/clinical-research-trials/nih-inclusion-policies



on Minority Health

and Health Disparities

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### **NIH-defined Phase III Clinical Trials Have Clear Instructions**

- Per the 1993 NIH Revitalization Act, PL 103-43, enacted June 10, 1993, and the 21st Century Cures Act, PL 114-255, enacted December 13, 2016, NIH requires entities conducting NIH-defined Phase III Clinical Trials to design studies for valid analyses by sex/gender, race, and ethnicity, in addition to submission in <u>ClinicalTrials.gov</u>
- Valid analysis does not need to have high statistical power
- Principal requirements for ensuring a valid analysis of the question of interest:
  - Allocation of study participants by sex/gender and from different racial and/or ethnic groups to the intervention and control groups by an unbiased process such as randomization;
  - Unbiased evaluation of the outcome(s) of study participants; and
  - Use of unbiased statistical analyses and proper methods of inference to estimate and compare the intervention effects by sex/gender, race, and/or ethnicity.

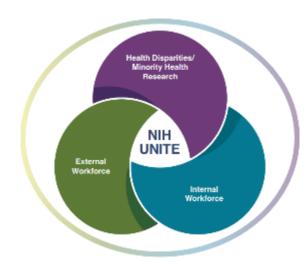
**Progress Reports:** For projects involving NIH-defined Phase III Clinical Trials, annual <u>Research Performance</u> <u>Progress Reports (RPPRs)</u> should include a statement indicating the status of analyses of the primary outcome by sex or gender, race, and ethnicity. The results of these analyses should be included in the "Project Outcomes" section of the RPPR.



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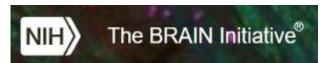
Understanding and Addressing the Impact of Structural Racism and Discrimination on Minority Health and Health Disparities (<u>RFA-MD-21-004</u>)



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National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

#### Plan for Enhancing Diverse Perspectives



25 https://www.nih.gov/ending-structural-racism/unite

Common Fund's Transformative Research to Address Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity initiative



National Institutes of Health Office of Strategic Coordination - The Common Fund

Updated <u>eRA Commons</u> to include racial discrimination as a specific concern grantee institutions can report Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society (ComPASS)



Data Dashboard



<u>The Power of an Inclusive</u> <u>Workspace Recognition Project</u>



Office of Scientific Workforce Diversity Great Minds Think Differently

### Take A Look At What's NEW!

### **SABV Impact Page**

#### Sex as a Biological Variable



NIH established the Sex as a Biological Variable (SABV) Policy requiring that all eligible funding applicants consider the influence of sex in their research to better understand health and disease for all. Since this policy, other funding agencies adopted similar policies reflecting the importance of sex as a biological variable.

Image credit: National Institute of Mental Health, NIH

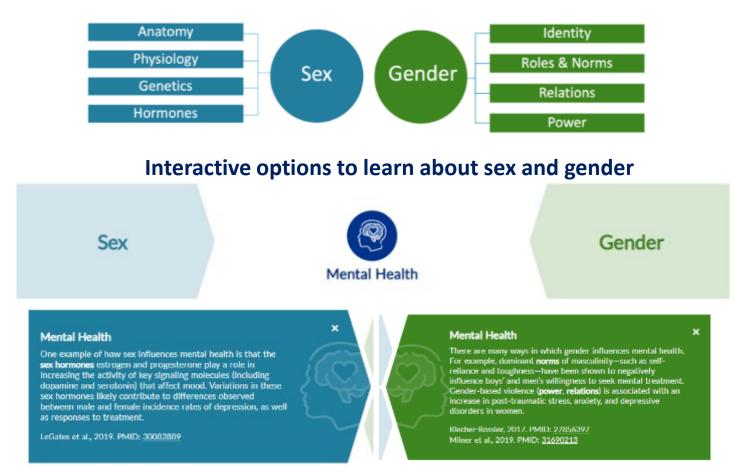
- SABV applies to funding applications proposing studies with vertebrate animals and humans, of which NIH receives tens of thousands of applications annually.
- A historical focus on the biology of men, including use of male cells and animal models, contributed to the development of medications and treatments that are less effective or potentially harmful for women.
- SABV set a standard for the scientific community, paving the way for discoveries of important sex influences in many diseases and conditions.

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### Sex & Gender Webpage

Dimensions of Sex (Biological Variable) & Gender (Social and Cultural Variable)







# **ICO COLLABORATIONS**



### **Nearly Half of New HIV Infections Among Women**

- 20 million women and girls are HIV-positive (54% global prevalence)
- 2X greater prevalence among adolescent girls and young women in sub-Saharan Africa
- **14X** risk of HIV acquisition among transgender vs. cisgender women



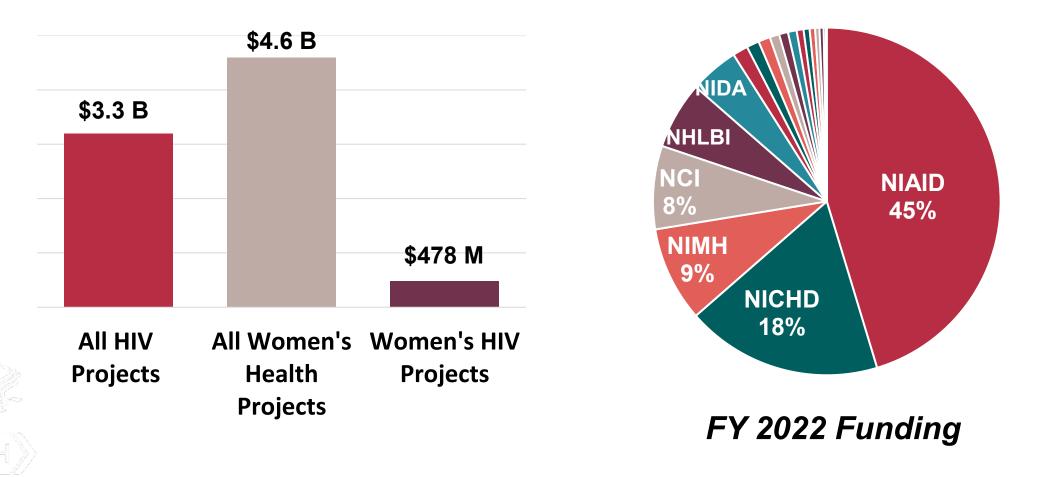






### **19 NIH ICOs Support Research on HIV & Women**

Interdisciplinary cross-cutting strategies





### HIV & Women



### **OAR-ORWH Program: HIV & Women**



#### **Program Objectives**

- Promote health for all women living with or at risk for **HIV** acquisition
- Support career development for women in HIV research

#### **Strategies**

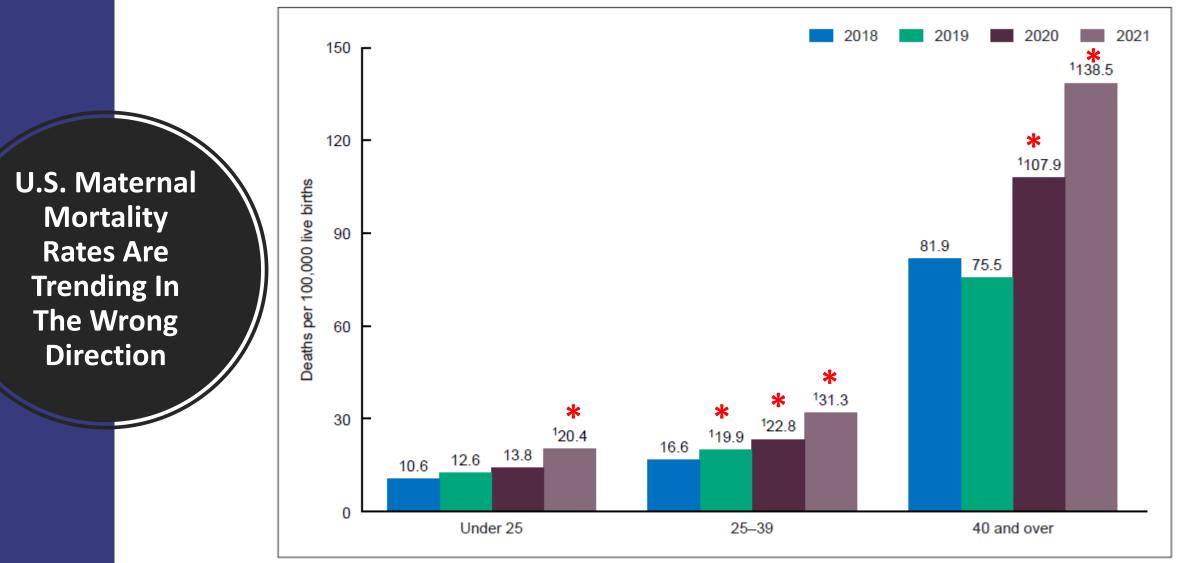
- HIV & Women Working Group
- OAR-ORWH Symposium: Considerations from Across the Lifespan at 13th International Workshop on Women and HIV
- Held on February 18, 2023





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Figure 2. Maternal mortality rates, by age: United States, 2018-2021



<sup>1</sup>Statistically significant increase from previous year (p < 0.05).

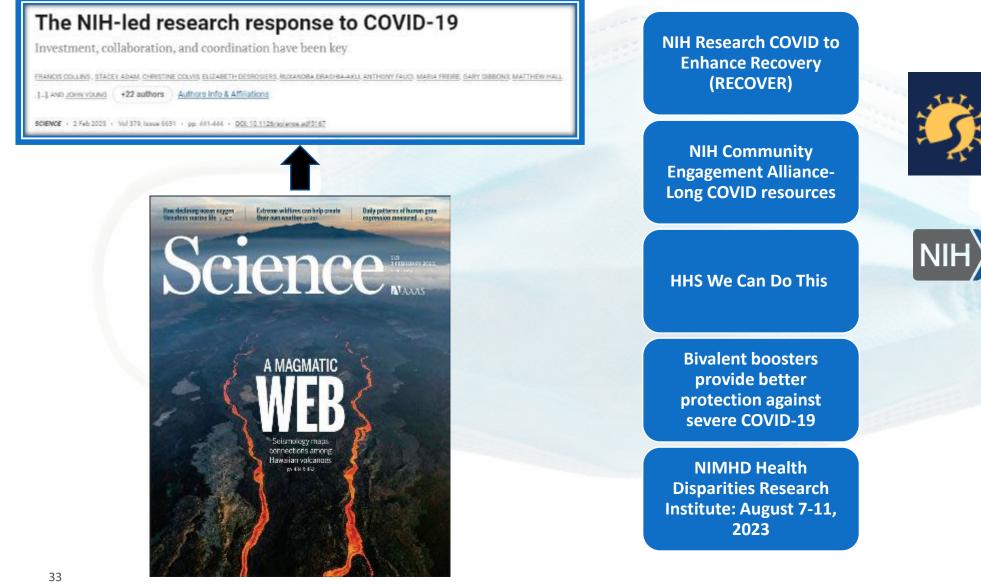
SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

# Total Pregnancy-Related Mortality Ratio 2019-2021

60 Pregnancy-related mortality ratio without a COVID-19 code Pregnancy-related mortality ratio (per 100,000 live births) 50 Pregnancy-related mortality ratio with a COVID-19 code 40 30 20 10 0 Q1 Q2 Q2 Q3 Q2 Q3 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q4 Q1 Q4 2019 2020 2021

Pregnancy-Related Mortality Ratio Increased Significantly More in 2021 than in 2020

### **NIH & HHS Have COVID-19 Resources Available**



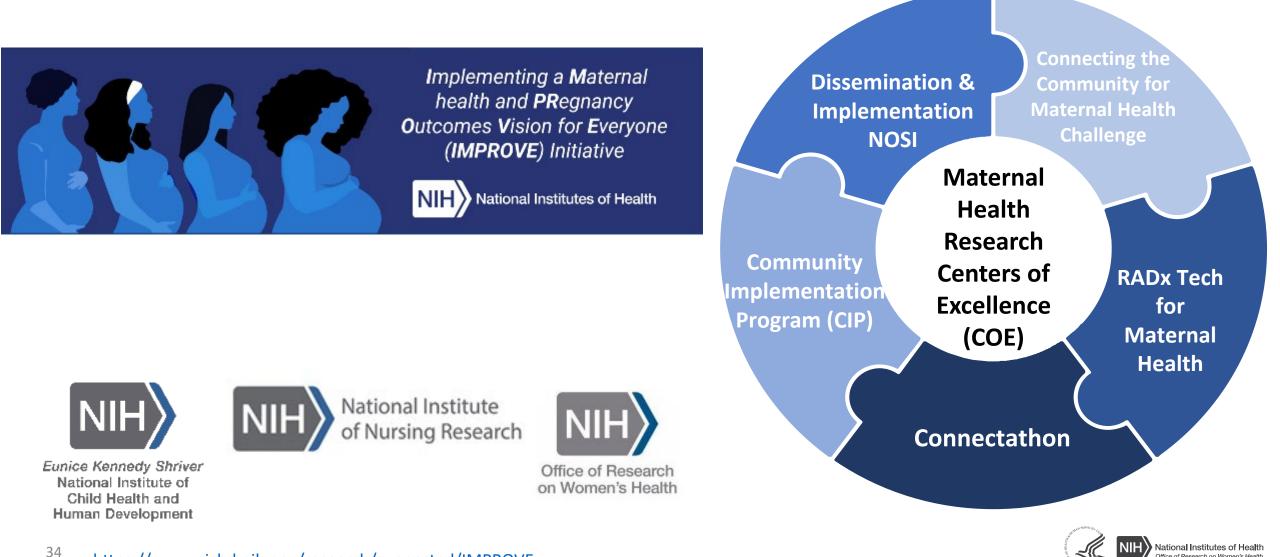
RECOVER Researching COVID to Enhance Recovery

National Institutes of Health Community Engagement Alliance





### NIH Joins Forces to Tackle Critical Public Health Crisis: IMPROVE Initiative



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### **IMPROVE Initiative Updates**



Awardee Workshop March 9, 2023

https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=49018

Congressional briefing held

March 28, 2023

NIH Leadership updated

March 31, 2023

- Shared results & lessons learned from IMPROVE projects
- Identified common themes, shared research gaps & opportunities for ongoing collaboration
- Further defined needs of pregnant & postpartum individuals to reduce preventable deaths



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Innovative Approaches to Improve Maternal Health



HYBRID WORKSHOP

May 8-9, 2023



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https://www.eventbrite.com/e/innovative-approaches-to-improve-maternal-health-hybrid-workshop-tickets-530984899127

### **Maternal Health Diagnostic Challenge Winners**



1<sup>st</sup> Place:

Dr. Bethany Hedt-Gauthier, Harvard University, Boston mHealth tools for community health worker-led home-based diagnosis of surgical site infections and anemia post-caesarean delivery



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: University of California, Irvine Maternal obstetrics monitoring sock (MOMS)





#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place tie:

Raydiant Oximetry, Inc., San Francisco LUMERAH<sup>™</sup> near infrared spectroscopy platform to diagnose maternal hemorrhage and fetal distress during pregnancy

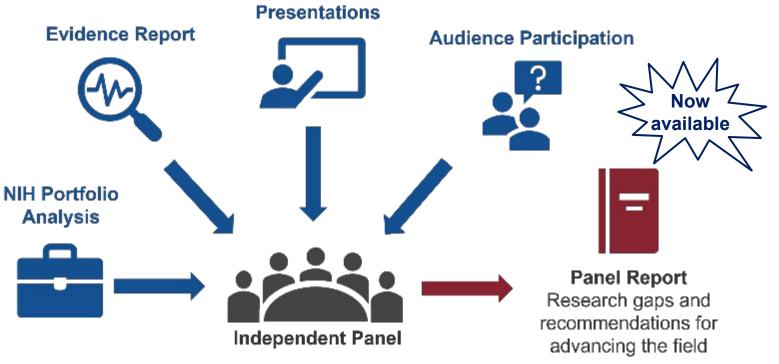
# **Softsonics**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place tie:** Softsonics, LLC, San Diego A wearable ultrasound/electrochemical sensor for maternal health

surveillance



### Office of Disease Prevention: Pathways to Prevention Program (P2P) Identifying Risks and Interventions to Optimize Postpartum Health



## Workshop Takeaways

- The "stress test" of pregnancy continues postpartum
- We need to bridge the chasm
- Take a life course
  perspective
- And importantly, listen to the patient and their families...
- Panel Report available and open for comment\*

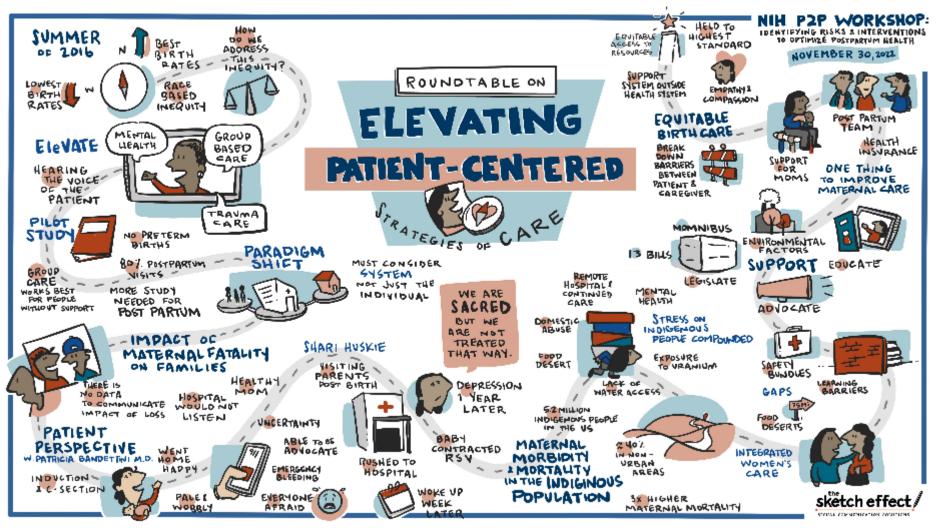
### **Workshop Components**

Conference Recordings are available on the ODP website

https://prevention.nih.gov/sites/default/files/P2P/P2P-PostpartumHealth-DraftReport-FINAL-508.pdf



## Pathways to Prevention: Identifying Risks and Interventions to Optimize Postpartum Health



https://prevention.nih.gov/research-priorities/research-needs-and-gaps/pathways-prevention/identifying-risks-and-interventionsoptimize-postpartum-health/graphic-recording-roundtable-elevating-patient-centered-strategies-care



## Intimate Partner Violence during Pandemic is Associated with Adverse Mental Health Outcomes Among Women

3 prospective, populationbased, longitudinal U.S. cohort studies:

- Nurses' Health Study II
- Growing Up Today Study
- Nurses' Health Study 3

IPV experiences at the start of the pandemic associated with higher endorsement of:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Posttraumatic stress symptoms

IPV also associated with:

- Poorer sleep quality
- Shorter sleep duration
- Increased use of alcohol
- Use of alcohol or other substances to cope with stress

New RFI: Future Directions in Violence Against Women Research (<u>NOT-NR-23-008</u>)

Issued by: NINR, NICHD, NIMHD, SGMRO, ODP, OBSSR, ORWH







# CAREERS



- Develop and implement inclusive plans, promote an accessible culture, and address bias.
- Collect data on demographics and educational outcomes, and fund research on best practices.
- Redress bias and discrimination in organizational processes.



Advancing Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEMM Organizations

**Beyond Broadening Participation** 

Consensus Study Report

Summary of 8 Recommendations from NASEM Report to Advance ADEI in STEMM

https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/26803/adva ncing-antiracism-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-instemm-organizations-beyond

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## RFI: Re-envisioning U.S. Postdoctoral Research Training & Career Progression within the Biomedical Research Enterprise

- Understand perspectives, experiences of recent/current postdoc trainees, postdoc office leaders & graduate students considering becoming postdoc trainees in academic sector
- Hearing the voices of postdoc trainees along with others impacted by this unique & skilled training position to explore ways to address fundamental challenges faced by the postdoc trainee community
- Response due date: April 14, 2023
- https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/noticefiles/NOT-OD-23-084.html



## <u>Galvanizing Health Equity Through Novel and Diverse</u> <u>Educational Resources = GENDER</u>



- GENDER R25 (RFA-OD-22-015)
- Help meet the need for gender-specific training in science, medicine, and allied health professions
- Supports development of genderfocused courses, curricula, and methods for extramural community
- Application due date: June 27, 2023
- Partner ICOs: NIA, NIAMS, NIDA, NIMHD, NLM, NIDCR, OBSSR, OAR, SGMRO
- https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa -files/RFA-OD-22-015.html



## **Braided River: A New Metaphor for Career Paths**



- People take many paths through school and weave careers around an assortment of circumstances such as:
  - $\circ$  Rearing families
  - Serving in the military or volunteer corps
  - Fulfilling caregiving responsibilities
  - Reengaging with formal education
- Individuals move in and out of roles and positions in which they consult, start businesses, and hold jobs across disciplines and sectors.

Batchelor, R. L. et al (2021), Reimagining STEM workforce development as a braided river, *Eos, 102*, <u>https://doi.org/10.1029/2021E0157277</u>.

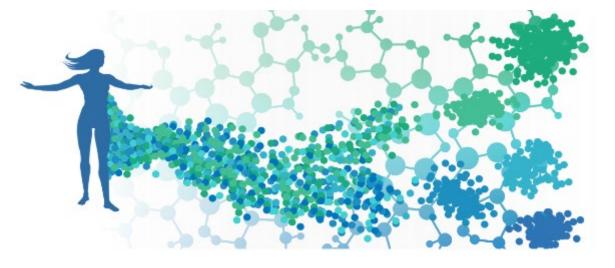
These experiences bring new ideas that are more creative and practical to offer

interdisciplinary solutions to science.

## Team Science Leadership Scholar Program (LSP) in Women's Health, Autoimmune and Immune-Mediated Diseases

A pilot program to support and train women's health scholars by helping them acquire and hone team science leadership and mentoring skills

An immersive, cross-sectoral, collaborative experience that will enable women's health scholars to become large consortium team leaders





National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases









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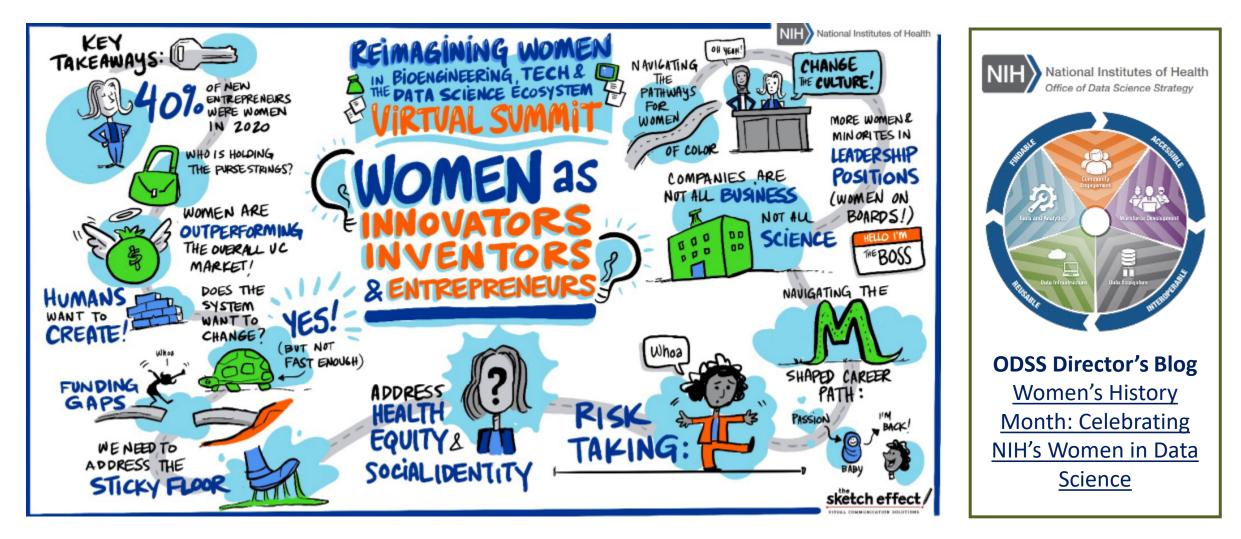


National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

# RFA: Advancing Gender Inclusive Excellence (AGIE)

- Women remain underrepresented at faculty levels in STEMM
- AGIE will address and intervene on systemic gender-based inequities impacting the STEMM academic and research workforce
- Open date: May 1, 2023
- https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guid e/rfa-files/RFA-OD-23-004.html

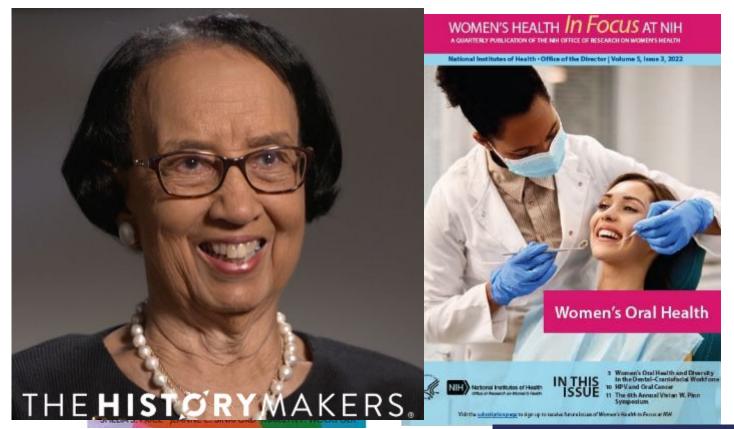
## NIH Partnership Summit: Reimagining Women in the Bioengineering, Technology, and Data Science Ecosystem



# **EVENTS**

## NIDCR Hosted A Fireside Chat With A Legend Dr. Jeanne Sinkford

- Jeanne Sinkford, D.D.S., Ph.D., a legend at the forefront of equity in oral health, human subject research, career development, and in many other spaces.
- Black History Month, 2023
- NIDCR and the ORWH cosponsored the fireside chat.





National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research



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## Seventh Annual Vivian W. Pinn Symposium | May 16, 2023

Honoring the first full-time director of ORWH | Held annually during National Women's Health Week

#### Menopause and Optimizing Midlife Health of Women

May 16, 2023 Virtual Meeting







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## **ORWH Quarterly Lecture Series: DIVERSE VOICES**

#### January 23: Cancer Disparities: Methods and Measurement of Racial and Ethnic Diversity



Laura Fejerman, Ph.D., M.Sc., University of California Davis Scarlett Lin Gomez, Ph.D., M.P.H., University of California San Francisco

#### March 23: Intersectional Stigma and Mental Health





Melissa DuPont-Reyes, Ph.D., M.P.H., Columbia University

Janet M. Turan, Ph.D., M.P.H., University of Alabama Birmingham

Upcoming

Lectures

July 27: Intersectional Approaches to Substance Use and Misuse

 September 28:
 Social Determinants and Uptake of Infectious Disease Control Measures



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## **E-LEARNING**



 Bench to Bedside: Integrating Sex & Gender to Improve Human Health

- SABV Primer
- SABV Primer Instructor Guide
- Intro. to Scientific Basis of Sex- & **Gender-Related Differences**

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