

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Request for Public Comments on Co-Occurring Conditions in Autism

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for Information.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC), the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Office of National Autism Coordination (ONAC) is seeking public comments to assist the IACC in identifying priorities related to physical and mental health conditions, and other related conditions that commonly co-occur with autism. The IACC is requesting public comments on the impact of these co-occurring conditions, as well as research, services, and policy needs that may be helpful to consider in addressing issues related to these conditions.

**DATES:** Responses to this notice are voluntary and the public comment period will be open from January 3, 2024, through February 14, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments must be submitted electronically via the web-based form at: <https://iacc.hhs.gov/meetings/public-comments/requests-for-information/2023/co-occurring-conditions.shtml>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Specific questions about this Request for Public Comment should be directed to: Ana Cappuccio by phone at 301-402-4837 or email at [iaccpublicinquiries@mail.nih.gov](mailto:iaccpublicinquiries@mail.nih.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IACC <http://www.iacc.hhs.gov/> is a federal advisory committee composed of federal and public members that provides advice to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on autism spectrum disorder. The Committee is authorized under the Autism CARES Act of 2019, Public Law 116-60. The *2021-2023 IACC Strategic Plan for Autism Research, Services, and Policy* at <https://iacc.hhs.gov/publications/strategic-plan/2023/> provides an overview of priorities identified by the IACC to improve health and well-being for autistic individuals and their families.

The Committee seeks public comment on the following questions related to the impact of co-occurring physical and mental health conditions:

1. What are the most significant challenges caused by co-occurring physical health conditions in autistic

people? (Examples of co-occurring physical health conditions: gastrointestinal disorders, sleep disturbances, epilepsy, sensory and motor challenges)

2. What are the most significant challenges caused by co-occurring mental health conditions in autistic people? (Examples of mental health co-occurring conditions: depression, anxiety, aggressive or self-injurious behavior, suicidality)

3. What are the most significant challenges caused by other conditions that co-occur with autism, such as learning disabilities, developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and communication disabilities?

4. What additional research is needed to help address co-occurring conditions for autistic people?

5. What could be improved in autism services and supports to help address co-occurring conditions for autistic people? (Examples: Equitable access to and accessibility of services, insurance coverage, service systems issues, patient-provider interactions)

6. What lasting impact has COVID-19 infection and illness had on co-occurring physical and/or mental health conditions for autistic people?

7. What lasting positive or negative impacts have societal changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic had on physical or mental health for autistic people? (Examples of societal changes: disruptions in services, increased remote work and school, increased use of telehealth, reduced in-person social interactions and obligations)

Feedback provided in this RFI may be used by the IACC to inform future activities and reports.

**Submission Information:** For each topic/question in the Request for Public Comment, commenters may provide input on what they consider to be the most important research, services, and policy issues and remaining gaps in the subject area covered by that question.

Please note that the web form will accept a maximum of 1,500 characters (including letters, numbers, punctuation, etc.) per topic area. A valid email address is required for submission, and only one submission per email address will be accepted. If duplicate submissions are received (*i.e.*, form letters), only one example of such a submission will be included in the final set of comments.

The information that commenters provide will become part of the public record; as such, please do not include any personally identifiable or confidential information in the comments. The web form will provide the option of submitting responses

anonymously, or the choice to include a name and/or organization associated with the comment.

Comments are subject to redaction in accordance with federal policies and the IACC's public comment guidelines and privacy policy. To view the IACC's public comment guidelines and privacy policy, visit: <https://iacc.hhs.gov/meetings/public-comments/guidelines/>. All comments or summaries of comments received will be made publicly available on the IACC website [www.iacc.hhs.gov](http://www.iacc.hhs.gov) within 90 days of the closing deadline for this notice. Email addresses associated with comments will not be included as part of the public disclosure. After the closing deadline, responses cannot be edited or withdrawn. No basis for claims against the U.S. Government shall arise as a result of a response to this request for information or from the Government's use of such information.

**Instructions:** All comments must be submitted through the web form at <https://iacc.hhs.gov/meetings/public-comments/requests-for-information/2023/co-occurring-conditions.shtml>. Individuals submitting comments will receive an onscreen confirmation acknowledging receipt of the comment, but commenters will not receive individualized responses or feedback from the IACC or ONAC except in the cases of requests for technical assistance with the web form, etc. Only one comment per email address will be accepted, and if duplicate comments are received, only one example will be provided to the IACC.

Dated: December 20, 2023.

**Susan A. Daniels,**

*Director, Office of National Autism Coordination, National Institute of Mental Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women (PRGLAC) Implementation Working Group Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The *Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) PRGLAC*

Implementation Working Group of Council is charged with monitoring and reporting on implementation of the recommendations from the PRGLAC. This includes monitoring and reporting on implementation, updating regulations, and guidance, as applicable, regarding the inclusion of pregnant women and lactating women in clinical trials.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on January 19, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The virtual meeting will be videocast and can be accessed from the NIH Videocasting website at <http://videocast.nih.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning this meeting, Dr. Emma Carpenter, Health Science Policy Analyst Office of Legislation and Public Policy, NICHD, NIH, 6710B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892–7510, [emma.carpenter@nih.gov](mailto:emma.carpenter@nih.gov), 301–594–2572.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 285g. The National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women (PRGLAC) Implementation Working Group meeting will be open to the public as a virtual meeting. Individuals who need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed in advance of the meeting.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person. Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/advisory>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Topics in Autoimmunity.

*Date:* January 3, 2024.

*Time:* 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Xinrui Li, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–2084, [xinrui.li@nih.gov](mailto:xinrui.li@nih.gov).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**Miguelina Perez,**

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### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Aging; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel; Gene Delivery Systems for AD/ADRD Therapy Development.

*Date:* January 16, 2024.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Birgit Neuhuber, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute on Aging, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Gateway Bldg., Suite 3208, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–496–3562, [neuhuber@ninds.nih.gov](mailto:neuhuber@ninds.nih.gov).

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### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council, January 10, 2024, 08:30 a.m. to January 11, 2024, 04:30 p.m., National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, C Wing 6th Floor Conf. Room F&G, Bethesda, MD, 20892 which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 19, 2023, 88 FR 64448.

This meeting is being amended to reflect the change in time on the second day of the meeting, January 11, 2024 from 04:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m., and to add the conference room to the meeting location Building 31, 6th Floor Conference Room F&G. The meeting is partially closed to the public.