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NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

WHO WE ARE

An independent, evidence-based scientific advisor. The NAM is committed to applying scientific rigor and objective evidence to achieve balanced, authoritative solutions to complex challenges in health. To carry out our work, we harness the talents and expertise of accomplished, thoughtful volunteers and undertake meticulous processes to avoid and balance bias. Our foundational goal is to be the nation's most reliable source for credible scientific and policy advice on matters concerning human health.

A national academy with global scope. In this increasingly interconnected world, good health knows no borders. Although the National Academies were originally created to advise the U.S. government and advance the well-being of the U.S. population, our mandate is now much broader. The NAM includes members from across the globe and partners with organizations worldwide to address challenges that affect us all.

Committed to catalyzing action and achieving impact. We seek to identify and generate momentum around critical issues in health; marshal diverse expertise to build evidence-based solutions; inspire action through collaboration and public engagement; and foster the next generation of leaders and innovators.

Collaborative and interdisciplinary. In partnership with the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and other stakeholders, the NAM draws on expertise across disciplines and domains to advance science, policy, and practice in health, medicine, and their many intersecting fields. Reflecting our conviction that health impacts should be a consideration in all policy decisions, we lend health and medical expertise to the broader endeavors of the Academies, including work in social sciences and education, earth and life sciences, transportation, technology, and more.

An honorific society for exceptional leaders. The NAM has more than 2,000 U.S. and international members elected by their peers in recognition of outstanding achievement in health, medicine, and intersecting fields. Our members—nearly 50 of whom are Nobel laureates—are the architects of major scientific breakthroughs, policy leaders in the United States and abroad, exceptional care practitioners, and many of the brightest minds in academia. Through a commitment to volunteer service, NAM members help guide the work and advance the mission of the NAM and the National Academies.

About the National Academy of Medicine

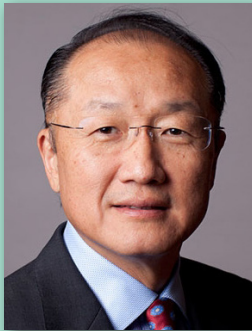
Founded in 1970 as the Institute of Medicine (IOM), the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) is one of three Academies that make up the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the National Academies) in the United States. Operating under the 1863 Congressional charter of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academies are private, nonprofit institutions that work outside of government to provide objective advice on matters of science, technology, and health. Studies from the National Academies are often congressionally mandated or commissioned by government agencies, and their recommendations can have lasting impact on domestic and global policy.

The historic National Academy of Sciences Building
in Washington, DC



LEADERSHIP

We inspire leaders across disciplines—from government, industry, academia, philanthropy, consumer groups, and more—to unite around shared goals for science, medicine, policy, and health.



“By improving the health of a population, we strengthen its economy; by lifting people out of poverty, we enhance their health. The NAM is well positioned to lead and effect change at this pivotal intersection for global prosperity, as demonstrated by its establishment of an independent international commission tasked with outlining an efficient and effective response to future pandemics. Crucially, the commission’s work encompasses not only biomedical R&D and health systems, but also international finance and governance.”

—**Jim Yong Kim, President, World Bank Group**



“The NAM’s ability to convene key decision makers across disciplinary and geographic boundaries is rare among health organizations. As such, it has the power to curate ideas, identify common goals, and facilitate progress across sectors.”

—**Donna Shalala, President, Clinton Foundation; Past President, University of Miami; and Former Secretary of Health and Human Services**



“A commitment to collaboration—especially among nontraditional partners and where there are competing interests—is vital if we are to solve the complex health challenges facing our world. As a neutral and trusted convener, the NAM is uniquely capable of facilitating such collaboration.”

—**Michael O. Leavitt, Founder and Chairman, Leavitt Partners; Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Former Governor of Utah**

Membership

The NAM has more than 2,000 members elected in recognition of distinguished professional achievement and commitment to protecting and advancing health through volunteer service in activities of the NAM and other groups within the National Academies. The NAM elects up to 70 regular members and 10 international members annually. Election to NAM membership reflects the highest esteem of professional peers in clinical, scientific, and other fields that interface with health and medicine.

Awards

The NAM confers two major awards annually to recognize singular contributions to the fields of health, medicine, and science.



The Gustav O. Lienhard Award for Advancement of Health Care recognizes outstanding achievement in improving health care services in the United States.



The Rhoda and Bernard Sarnat International Prize in Mental Health recognizes individuals, groups, or organizations for outstanding achievement in improving mental health.

2016 Sarnat Prize Winners
Robin Murray (L) and
Steven Hyman (R)
with NAM President
Victor J. Dzau



INNOVATION

We champion bold and boundary-breaking solutions to the world's most urgent health challenges.



“Scientific discovery and innovation are essential to advancing health and health care. The NAM plays a critical role in advising the nation and the world. Its independence and ability to quickly convene world-class experts on timely topics makes it unique. The academy has a long history of nurturing the careers of exceptional young scientists and physicians. Its role in fostering discussions about ethics and public policy, which allow innovative ideas to grow and succeed, is crucial to our future.”

—**Elias Zerhouni, President, Global R&D, Sanofi; and Former Director of the National Institutes of Health**



“The NAM is positioned to tackle emergent health challenges around the world. With advances in technology come great opportunity, but also challenges and complexities. Collaboration will be increasingly important as we navigate the incredible scientific frontier ahead of us.”

—**Francis Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health**

Programs

Health Policy Educational Programs and Fellowships

The NAM's Health Policy Educational Programs and Fellowships enrich the experience of early- and mid-career professionals and nurture the next generation of health and medical leaders. The NAM administers four national health policy fellowship and scholarship programs:

1. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowships
2. FDA Tobacco Regulatory Science Fellowships
3. NAM Fellowships
4. Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence

These programs give outstanding scientists, scholars, and practitioners a role in health policy development on a national scale. In turn, these talented individuals act as ambassadors for evidence-based decision making in policies that affect the health of all Americans.

Culture of Health

With support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Culture of Health program is a multiyear collaborative effort to identify strategies to create and sustain conditions that support equitable good health for all Americans. The program will produce a series of consensus studies from the National Academies, as well as public workshops, community events, and tools for stakeholders. The first report in the series, *Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity*, was published in 2017.

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Our work has domestic and global reach, and our evidence-based guidance has effected important policy change for decades.



“For decades, the IOM has issued landmark reports that ... were far-sighted—almost prophetic—in profiling problems that would become of global concern.... The global importance of the IOM’s work will continue under its new designation as the National Academy of Medicine. In the interest of public health worldwide, the World Health Organization wishes the NAM every success.”

—Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organization



“Over the years, RWJF has collaborated with the IOM on a major series of reports on health care coverage, the quality of care, the childhood obesity crisis, and issues in public health. And we are continuing this valuable partnership with the National Academy of Medicine through a multi-year Culture of Health program. I am excited to see the NAM continue to develop its leadership role in American health, and I’m honored that RWJF can play a part.”

—Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, President and CEO, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Leadership Consortium for a Value & Science-Driven Health System

The Leadership Consortium is comprised of senior leader and innovator members whose organizations work collaboratively through the National Academy of Medicine to advance progress toward a continuously learning health system, care that is more efficient and effective, and better health for Americans. The Leadership Consortium works through the activities of its member organizations, as well as through four “Innovation Collaboratives”:

- Care Culture and Decision Making
- Clinical Effectiveness Research
- Digital Learning
- Value Incentives and Systems Innovation

Innovation Collaboratives engage key stakeholders with similar interests and field responsibilities in cooperative activities to advance science and value in health and health care. These ad hoc convening activities aim to foster sector information sharing and cooperation.



Innovation to Incubation

Innovation to Incubation (i2I) cultivates innovative ideas and identifies pathways to action to augment the work of the NAM and the health-related activities of other groups within the National Academies. Through staff enrichment, strategic support, networking, and targeted communications, i2I aims to increase the National Academies’ impact on the future of health.

Perspectives

NAM Perspectives are expert commentaries and discussion papers by leading voices in health and medicine. Through Perspectives, the NAM offers innovative thinkers a forum to share their ideas and connect with other creative leaders worldwide.

Rosenthal Symposium

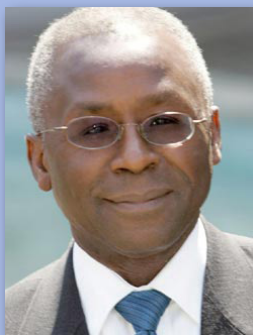
For more than 25 years, the NAM has hosted an annual symposium to bring greater attention to critical health issues worldwide. Past topics include “precision population health,” end-of-life care, and antimicrobial resistance.

Readiness & Global Reach

The NAM assembles resources quickly to respond to emerging needs in health both in the United States and globally. The NAM's short-term initiatives aim to yield immediate impact in areas such as U.S. health policy and coordinated response to global health threats by convening leaders and generating momentum around shared goals.

Effecting Policy Change

Since President Lincoln signed the congressional charter establishing the National Academy of Sciences in 1863, the National Academies have been providing independent, authoritative advice to the nation and the world on matters of science, technology, and health. Landmark consensus reports from the Institute of Medicine, such as *Confronting AIDS*, *Recommended Dietary Allowances*, *To Err Is Human*, and *The Future of Nursing*, have had lasting impact on health and health care worldwide.



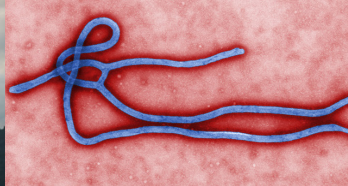
“If we are to respond effectively to the world’s most complex and urgent health challenges, we need visionary leadership capable of quickly marshaling resources and convening international stakeholders around a common goal. The NAM has, through initiatives like the Global Health Risk Framework, demonstrated such high-quality leadership.”

—Oyewale Tomori, President, Nigerian Academy of Science



“We are at a crucial crossroads in health care, as we evolve toward value-based payments, as the system digitizes, and as care becomes more personalized. At this critical juncture, I have every confidence that the NAM will continue to lead the nation toward a healthier future.”

—Peter Orszag, Managing Director, Vice Chairman of Investment Banking, and Global Co-Head of Healthcare, Lazard; and Former Director, Office of Management and Budget and Congressional Budget Office



NAM Initiatives

Vital Directions for Health and Health Care has called on the nation's leading experts to recommend key priorities to shape the next chapter in U.S. health policy.

The **Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience** will build a platform for combatting burnout and promoting well-being across a dynamic network of national stakeholder organizations.

The inaugural challenge in the **Grand Challenges in Health and Medicine** initiative will seek to transform the future of aging and longevity by catalyzing innovation and progress.

The **Human Gene Editing Initiative**, a joint project between the NAM and the National Academy of Sciences, hosted an international summit for scientists and produced a consensus report outlining principles for science, ethics, and governance.

The Independent Commission on a **Global Health Risk Framework for the Future** identified investment in pandemic preparedness and response imperative for national security and global economic stability.

Leadership



Victor J. Dzau, MD
President & Chair

Victor J. Dzau is President of the National Academy of Medicine. In addition, he serves as Chair of the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. He is Chancellor Emeritus and James B. Duke Professor of Medicine at Duke University and the past President and CEO of the Duke University Health System.

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