

Confidentiality

Review materials and proceedings of review meetings are privileged communications prepared for use only by consultants and staff. Members of Council must return the material given to them to the Executive Secretary at the conclusion of the meeting. All materials members have received at home or at their institutions also must be returned for disposition.

There should be no direct communication between members of Council and applicants. In addition to legal considerations, pre-mature notification of recommendations to applicants often leads to misinterpretation and distortion of discussions and recommendations.

As soon after the Council meeting as possible, applicants will be notified by NIDDK staff about the status of their applications.