

Media Advisory: New NIH Council of Councils Members Named

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What

The National Institutes of Health today announced the appointment of two individuals to the NIH [Council of Councils](#). The council was established to advise the NIH Director on policies and activities of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI), including making recommendations on research that represents important areas of emerging scientific opportunities, rising public health challenges, or knowledge gaps that deserve special emphasis or would otherwise benefit from strategic planning and coordination.

The council is composed of 27 members nominated by the NIH Institutes and Centers (IC) and offices within the Office of the Director (OD). Council members bring knowledge of their individual IC and OD offices' missions and operations, not as official representatives, but to provide advice beyond the research agenda of any individual IC.

"I welcome these distinguished individuals to the Council of Councils," said DPCPSI Director, and Council of Councils Chair, James M. Anderson, MD, PhD, "We look forward to garnering their knowledge and expertise on the diverse activities of the division."

The following members will serve terms on the council through Oct. 31, 2025:

- Richard D. Krugman, MD, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, Colorado
- Russell N. Van Gelder, MD, PhD, UW Medicine Eye Institute and University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

An [online roster](#) provides further information about all the NIH Council of Councils members.

Who

About the [Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives \(DPCPSI\)](#): DPCPSI, in the NIH Office of the Director, identifies emerging scientific opportunities, rising public health challenges, and scientific knowledge gaps that merit further research. The Division plans and implements trans-NIH initiatives supported by the Common Fund and coordinates research related to AIDS, behavioral and social sciences, women's health, disease prevention, supports research infrastructure, and coordinates and supports science education activities.

About the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#): NIH, the nation's medical research agency, includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is the primary federal agency conducting and supporting basic, clinical, and translational medical research, and is investigating the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases.

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