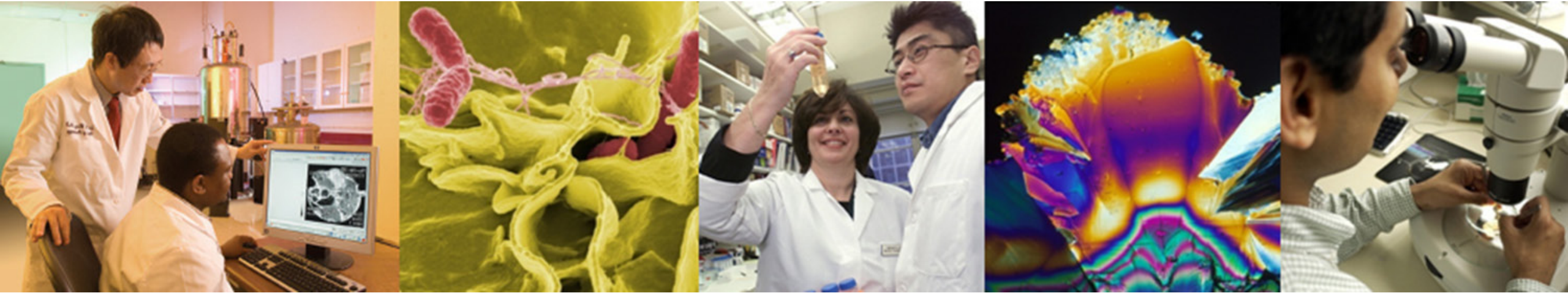


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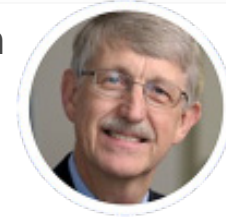
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Call to action - NIH is committed to addressing racial and health disparities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shone a bright and deeply distressing light on just how much health inequity persists in our society.

Francis Collins 2020, June 5. NIH Director Message: Grieving For Loss and Confronting Social Injustice



The long history of discrimination against racial minorities in America bears directly on NIDA's mission to address addiction as a disease ...

Nora Volkow 2020, August 5. A Message from the Director on Racially Motivated Violence.



I am charged with striving to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through basic and clinical research, paving the way for prevention, recovery, and cure.

Joshua Gordon, 2020, June 19. Racism and Mental Health Research: Steps Toward Equity.



The mission of NINDS is to generate knowledge to reduce the burden of neurological disorders, *for all people.*

Walter Koroshetz 2020, June 19. A time for change: NINDS' commitment to diversity and eliminating racial bias.



Health Disparities: Barriers to quality care

- **Biopsychosocial Factors**
 - Racial/ethnic differences in perception, response, reporting
- **Patient/Provider Interactions**
 - Bias in assessment and treatment; differential treatment
- **Socioeconomic Factors**
 - Access to resources
- **Healthcare**
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NIH works towards understanding the causes of health disparities *and* developing effective interventions to overcome them related to the most pressing issues of our time, including COVID-19, cancer, AIDS, diabetes, infant mortality, cardiovascular disease, and the opioid crisis as exemplified by this meeting today.

Health Disparities Research is Central the NIH Mission

- NIH Strategic Plan
- The NIMHD led science visioning process to chart a new research course to improve minority health and reduce health disparities
- COVID-19 Research
- Addressing the opioid crisis and reducing disparities

