

NIH Begins New Process to Report Detailed Funding Information— Public Gains Access to Additional Information

Today, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) begins a new process for providing detailed funding information for 215 major areas, called the Research, Condition, and Disease Categorization (RCDC) system, using knowledge management and computerized, standardized tools. The RCDC process was initiated at the request of Congress to provide consistent and transparent NIH research funding information.

The new information is reported in a table titled “Estimates of Funding for Various Diseases, Conditions, and Research Areas,” located at <http://www.report.nih.gov/rcdc/categories>.

The public can use this information to view the total funds spent in each category for the current and previous fiscal years based on grants, contracts, and intramural research (conducted in NIH’s own laboratories and clinics). For the first time, the project listings and the associated dollar amounts will be available. By clicking on each of the categories, the public can access full project listings for that category and view, print, or download the detailed report. Links to patents and publications associated with each project also will be available in the next few months.

The 215 categories reported through the RCDC process are the same ones that have historically been requested by and reported to Congress and the public at the end of each fiscal year. The RCDC process does not reflect the entire NIH research portfolio and budget.

RCDC does not impact the way NIH funds research or determines its research priorities. The RCDC process will not change the way NIH makes awards throughout the year for medical research or the way researchers apply for grants.

For more information:

- For more information about the RCDC process, go to <http://report.nih.gov/rcdc>.
- For Frequently Asked Questions about the RCDC process, go to <http://report.nih.gov/rcdc/faqs>.
- For more information about how NIH developed RCDC definitions, please see http://report.nih.gov/rcdc/category_process.
- For more information on the reasons the reported funding levels for categories in RCDC might change as compared with previously reported years, please see <http://report.nih.gov/rcdc/reasons>.