From Then to Now and Beyond
NICHD Research in Pediatric Therapeutics

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Obstetrics and Pediatrics Pharm Programs

Funding mechanisms
- RPG
- Cooperative agreement Contract

Grant Types
- R03
- R01
- R21

* Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act funds
Awards made under Reimbursable Agreements, Appropriations to NIH for Superfund-related activities, Gift Funds and Breast Cancer Research Stamp Funds are not included. Research Projects (RPG) defined as activities (R00,R01,R03,R15,R21,R22,R23,R29, R33,R34,R35,R36,R37,R55,R56,RL1,RL2,RL5,RL9,P01,P42, PN1,UC1,UC7,U01,U19,U34,UH2,UH3,UM1,DP1,DP2,DP3,DP4,DP5,RC1,RC2, RC3,RC4,UA5,UC1,UC2,UC3,UC4,RF1,UF1,PM1,RM1) Source: NIH IMPAC, Success Rate File
Branch priorities from public website

• **Developmental Pharmacology and Pathophysiology of Pregnancy**
  • **Gap:** lack of knowledge of mechanisms of drug action in obstetric and pediatric populations and in their pre-clinical models, to maximize drug efficacy and minimize toxicity
  • **Priority:** Support developmental pharmacology initiatives and initiatives that explore mechanisms of drug action in pregnant women. Critical areas include pain management in neonates and pregnant women, treatment of Type 2 and gestational diabetes, and preterm birth.

• **New Drug Development and Drug Repurposing**
  • **Gap:** lack of safe and efficient medications for children and pregnant women
  • **Priority:** Support identification of drug targets for children and pregnant women for conditions specifically relevant to these populations, including (but not limited to) neonatal/pediatric pain, rare diseases, Type 2 and gestational diabetes, preterm labor, and preeclampsia. Use these targets to develop new drugs or repurpose appropriate old drugs.

• **Novel Alternatives to Traditional Pediatric and Obstetric Clinical Trials**
  • **Gap:** Significant hardship in the design and execution of pediatric and obstetric clinical trials
  • **Priority:** Support innovative approaches and algorithms to predict drug safety and effectiveness in children and pregnant women. This includes modeling and simulation methods, and advanced methods of utilizing existing data, such as electronic medical records, opportunistic studies
Branch priorities from public website

• **Outcome Measures for Pediatric and Obstetric Clinical Trials**
  - **Gap:** lack of **outcome measures and biomarkers** that reflect diseases/conditions and predict drug safety and effectiveness in children and pregnant women
  - **Priority:** Support initiatives for the identification and validation of outcome measures and biomarkers in this population. Outcome measures and biomarkers related to pain, sedation, Type 2 and gestational diabetes, and acute kidney injury would be highly relevant.

• **Pediatric Formulations**
  - **Gap:** **Appropriate formulations** for pediatric populations remain elusive or absent.
  - **Priority:** Support initiatives for the development of palatable and safe (i.e., without harmful excipients) formulations for children.

• **Therapeutic Devices**
  - **Gap:** Development of non-drug therapeutics, such as devices, is needed to improve therapeutic treatment for the fetus and for children.
  - **Priority:** Support development of **non-invasive drug delivery systems and devices** to measure drug safety or efficacy non-invasively.
Topics

- From Then to Now
- Beyond

**Then**
Creation PPRU Network
A false assumption: FDA rule 1994
Realization of profound knowledge gaps

**Now**
Need to address knowledge gaps
High number of failed/negative drug studies
Profound changes in NIH/FDA clinical trials requirements

**Beyond**
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Sumner J. Yaffe, MD
The Father of Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology
Developmental Pharmacology/Mechanisms of ADRs
Program Officer: George P. Giacoia, M.D.

- RFA HD-00-001 DEVELOPMENTAL PHARMACOLOGY (R01, R03, R21)
  Release Date: January 5, 2000
  National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Primary)
  Secondary. NCI, NIES, NIGMS, NIMH, NINDS

- Developmental Pharmacology PAR 07-416 (R01) PAR 07-417 (R03) PAR 07-418 Expired 2010 F
- Developmental Pharmacology PAR 11-057 (R01) PAR 11-58 (R03) PAR 11-59 Expired 2013 F
- Developmental Pharmacology and Toxicology Role of Ontogeny PAR 13-306 (R01) PAR 13-307 (R03) PAR 13308 (R21 2001) Expired 2016 F

- Mechanisms of Adverse Drug Effects in Children PAR-08-248 (R01) PAR Expired 2010F
- Mechanisms of Adverse Drug Effects in Children PAR-11-051; PAR-052 (R03) Expired 2014 F
  \( (F) = \text{Foreign Institutions are eligible to apply.} \)
Biomarkers
Program Officer: George P. Giacoia, M.D.

- **PA-01-043** Biomarkers and Clinical Endpoints in Pediatric Clinical Trials
  January 18, 2001 - February 1, 2004

- **PAR-13-296** (F) Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R01)
  September 5, 2011-September 8, 2016 (Previous FOA - PAR-11-322)

- **PAR-13-299** (F) Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R03)
  September 16, 2011-September 8, 2016 (Previous FOA - PAR-11-322)

- **PAR-17-169** (F) Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R21)

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OPP Branch FOA
Translational Research in Pediatric and Obstetric Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Program Officer: Zhaoxia Ren

- **PAR-17-189 (F)** - Translational Research in Pediatric and Obstetric Pharmacology and Therapeutics (R01)
  August 16, 2009- April 4, 2020 (Previous FOAs - PAR-13-309, PAR-11-246, PAR-09-155)

- **PAR-17-188 (F)** - Translational Research in Pediatric and Obstetric Pharmacology and Therapeutics (R03)
  August 16, 2009-April 4, 2020 (Previous FOAs -PAR-13-310, PAR-11-247, PAR-09-154)

- **PAR-17-187 (F)** - Translational Research in Pediatric and Obstetric Pharmacology and Therapeutics (R21)
  August 16, 2009-April 4, 2020 (Previous FOAs - PAR-13-311, PAR-11-248, PAR-09-156)

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FOAs Development of Adequate pediatric Formulations
Program Officer: George P. Giacoia, M.D.

Funding Opportunities

- **PAR-17-192** (F) - Development of Appropriate Pediatric Formulations and Pediatric Drug Delivery Systems (R21)
  September 16, 2011-May 8, 2020 (Previous FOAs - PAR-13-326, PAR-11-303)

- **PAR-17-193** (F) - Research Project Grant (R01)
  September 5, 2011-May 8, 2020 (Previous FOAs - PAR-13-325, PAR-11-301)

- **PAR-17-191** (F) - Small Grant Program (R03)

- **PAR-17-200** Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Grant (R41) - Phase I only
  November 5, 2011-January 6, 2020

- **PAR-17-199** Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grant (R43) - Phase I only
  November 5, 2011-January 6, 2020 (Previous FOAs - PAR-13-345, PAR-11-304)

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Funding Opportunities Related to Pregnancy, Devices, Pain Control

- **RFA-HD-10-010** - Molecular Mechanism of Adverse Metabolic Drug Effects in Children and Adolescents (R01)  
  Application Date: November 1, 2010  
  Program Officer: Perdita Taylor-Zapata, M.D.

- **PAR-13-389** - Discovery of Molecular Targets for Pregnancy-Related/Induced Diseases and Development of Therapeutics to Prevent/Treat These Diseases (R01)  
  5-Jan-14 - May 8, 2017  
  Program Officer: Katerina Tsilou, M.D. To be renewed

- **FOA Devices –**

- **PAR-13-090** - Safe and Effective Instruments and Devices for Use in Neonatal and Pediatric Care Settings (R43/R44) – NICHD Not Primary  
  June 30, 2009-April 6, 2016  
  Program Officer: Tonse Raju, M.D.  
  (Previous FOAs - RFA-HD-12-193, RFA-HD-10-013, RFA-HD-09-018)

- **PAR-13-091** - Safe and Effective Instruments and Devices for Use in Neonatal and Pediatric Care Settings (R41/R42) - NICHD Not Primary  
  June 30, 2009 - April 6, 2016  
  Program Officer: Tonse Raju, M.D.  
  (Previous FOAs - RFA-HD-12-192, RFA-HD-10-012, RFA-HD-09-017)

- **FOA Pain control – Program Officer:**

- **PA-16-312** (F) - Safety and Outcome Measures of Pain Medications Used in Children and Pregnant Women  
  Program Officer: Zhaoxia Ren, M.D., Ph.D.  
  September 16, 2016 - January 8, 2020

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Precision Medicine

**Funding**
- **PAR-14-274** - Pharmacogenetics, Pharmacoepigenetics and Personalized Medicine in Children (R01)
  September 5, 2014-September 8, 2017 Not Renewed PO Katherina Tsilou
Newborn Initiative

- **Newborn Drug Development Initiative Meeting** (March 29–30, 2004)
  Working Groups – Cardiology, Neurology, Pain Control, Pulmonary, Ethics and Drug Prioritization

- Publications White papers


**Direct Funding BPCA**

- BPCA Funds ic NHBLI Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia;

- NICHDfun Newborn Network Study of Shock in preterm infants;pharmacology of retinol

- FOAs in Developmental pharmacology<Treatment of retrolental fibroplasiagy:role of ontogeny; Mechanisms of ADRs U54 Developmental Pharmacology

- Pediatric Trials Network Studies of pk of antibiotics and antifungal
US Pediatric Formulations Initiative
Program Officer: George Giacoia, M.D.

Working Groups
- Scientific, technical, and regulatory barriers for the development of pediatric formulations
- Taste, smell, and flavor research in infants and children
- Economic issues and partnerships
- Use and application in pediatrics of new drug delivery systems

Funding Opportunities
- **PAR-17-192** (F) - Development of Appropriate Pediatric Formulations and Pediatric Drug Delivery Systems (R21)
  September 16, 2011-May 8, 2020 (Previous FOAs- PAR-13-326, PAR-11-303)
- **PAR-17-193** (F) - Research Project Grant (R01)
  September 5, 2011-May 8, 2020 (Previous FOAs - PAR-13-325, PAR-11-301)
- **PAR-17-191** (F) - Small Grant Program (R03)
  September 16, 2011-May 8, 2020 (Previous FOAs - PAR-13-344, PAR-11-302)

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Collaboration between EU and US PFI


Workshops

- December 6–7, 2005
- November 1–2, 2011

Ontogeny of Transporters in Children Working Group

Chair: Kim Brouwer, Pharm.D., Ph.D, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Funding Opportunities  Program Officer: George Giacoia, M.D.

- **PAR-13-306** (F) - Developmental Pharmacology (R01)
  August 21, 2007-September 8, 2016 (Previous FOAs - PAR-11-057, PAR-07-416)

- **PAR-13-308** (F) – Developmental Pharmacology and Toxicology: Role of Ontogeny (R21)
  August 21, 2007-September 8, 2016 (Previous FOAs - PAR-11-059, PAR-11-058, PAR-08-215)

- **PAR-13-307** (F) – Developmental Pharmacology and Toxicology: Role of Ontogeny (R03)
  August 21, 2007-September 8, 2016 (Previous FOAs - PAR-11-058, PAR-08-215)

Publications


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Initiative to Advance Pediatric Therapeutics – Diabetes Working Group

Chair: William Tamborlane, M.D., Yale University

Subgroups:
- **Type 1 – Therapeutics** - Chair: Linda DiMeglio, M.D., Riley Hospital for Children
- **Type 2 – Therapeutics** - Chair: William Tamborlane, M.D., Yale University
- **Type 1 – Natural History and Biomarkers** - Chair: Mark Rigby, M.D., Ph.D., Janssen
- **Type 2 – Natural History and Biomarkers** - Chair: Philip Zeitler, M.D., Ph.D., Children’s Hospital Colorado
- **Pharmacology** - Chair: Michael Spigarelli, M.D., Ph.D., University of Utah

The T2D subgroup Publication
Main Concerns about NIH Clinical Trials

• Large investment, $3 billion/year
• Variable quality of trial design
• Incomplete registration and reporting of trial results
• Inconsistent oversight and monitoring
• Inability to assess across IC’s
NIH Reforms
Goals

• Enhance application and award process
• Increase NIH’s ability to assess the merits and feasibility of clinical trial applications
• Improve oversight and transparency
• Increase sharing of results
• Ensure rigor and efficiency
• Improve stewardship
• Maintain public trust

Hudson, et al., JAMA 2016; 316:1353-4
Revised NIH Definition of Clinical Trial

A research study in which one or more human subjects are prospectively assigned to one or more interventions (which may include placebo or other control) to evaluate the effects of those interventions on health-related biomedical or behavioral outcomes.

Reforms over the clinical trial lifecycle

Policy on Good Clinical Practice Training for NIH Awardees Involved in NIH-funded Clinical Trials

- **NOT-OD-16-148**
- Issued September 16, 2016
- Effective January 1, 2017
- Complement to other required training on human subjects protections
- Required of all NIH-funded investigators and clinical trial site staff responsible for the conduct, management, and oversight of NIH-funded clinical trials
- Acceptable courses include those offered by NIAID, the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network, and the CITI Program
Policy on Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) for Clinical Trials

• NOT-OD-16-147;
• Issued September 16, 2016
• Target effective date: January, 2018
• Applications will require specific information about protocols, specific review criteria, terms and conditions in Notices of Grant Awards
• Mechanisms will differ by IC
• Responding to a specific clinical trial FOA is the only way to propose an investigator-initiated clinical trial

- NOT-OD-16-094
- Issued June 21, 2016
- Effective for applications received on or after November 25, 2017
- Applies to all domestic sites in multisite clinical research, not just clinical trials
- Improve efficiency
- Minimize duplicative reviews
- NOT-OD-16-109 Direct and indirect cost scenarios
Protocol Template: NIH and FDA Request for Public Comment on Draft Clinical Trial Protocol Template for Phase 2 and 3 IND/IDE Studies

• **NOT-OD-16-043**
• Issued March 17, 2016
• Developed by FDA and NIH
• Corresponds to GCP
• Review of comments underway
• May develop an online tool
• Plan to adapt template for Phase 1 trials as well as social/behavioral intervention trials
NIH Policy on the Dissemination of NIH-Funded Clinical Trial Information

• NOT-OD-16-149
• NIH Policy, Federal Register
• Issued September 21, 2016
• Effective January 18, 2017
• Applies to all NIH-funded clinical trials (not just FDA-regulated trials) regardless of study phase, type of intervention, or whether they are subject to the regulation
• Up to $10,000/day fine

• Withholding of future funding for the grant and any future grant to the grantee institution
Hypercompetition: Applicants and Awardees for NIH RPGs

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Lawrence A. Tabak, DDS, PhD - Principal Deputy Director, NIH
Enhancing Stewardship: The Next Generation of Researchers Initiative - 114th Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD)
Age of Investigators Funded by NIH

Not solely due to Baby Boom demographics

Multiple analyses indicate established PIs are “outcompeting” other groups due to increased resiliency

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NIH Next Generation Researchers Initiative proposal

- NIH will take a multi-pronged approach:
  - Further extending the payline for early stage investigators, with an aim of funding most applications that score in the top 25 percent
  - Providing additional support for mid-career investigators with ≤ 10 years as a principal investigator
    - Extending the payline for those about to lose all NIH funding
    - Identifying “rising stars” who are seeking support for their second RPG, but just missed the payline
  - The total cost of these measures, to be derived in each IC by rearranging priorities in other categories, is estimated (pending availability of funds), at:
    - ~$210 million the first year
    - Ramping up over 5 years to reach approximately $1.1 billion per year
Interdisciplinary partnerships

An interdisciplinary *project* draws on methods and understandings from several disciplines, but creates something new that is greater than the sum of its parts. Interdisciplinary projects are necessarily focused on solving a particular problem, but interdisciplinary partnerships created for one project can continue through an entire career. Ideally, interdisciplinary projects both contribute to new approaches that span disciplines and provide insights for each participating discipline.
Maximizing Investigators Research Award (MIRA) (R35)NIGMS

• In comparison to R01 funding of NIGMS investigators, MIRA benefits include:
  • A longer grant period - five year awards rather than the current NIGMS median of 4 years;
  • More flexibility to pursue new ideas and opportunities as they arise during the course of research because the award is not tied to specific aims or predicated on completing specific, pre-defined projects;
  • Increased stability of funding through longer-term commitments of support, improved success rates, and more graduated, rather than all-or-none funding decisions of R35 renewals;
  • A reduction in administrative burden associated with managing multiple grants;
  • A reduction in required application writing
The future: Pediatric Pharmacology

Investigators related issues

• Need for creation of investigators multidisciplinary teams
• Use of multiple rather than single PI/PD applicants
• Avoid duplication of efforts
• Translate recommendations of various working groups to appropriate research studies
• Increase critical mass of pediatric therapeutics researchers
• promote policies that will result in earlier independence and increased funding for new investigators
Back up
Trans-NIH Involvement in BPCA

- NHLBI: Pediatric Respiratory Outcomes Program (PROP), neonatal pulmonary hypertension, asthma outcomes
- NINDS: Maternal Outcomes and Neurodevelopmental Effects of Anti-Epileptic Drugs (MONEAD), Fragile X Drug Development, cyanide assay
- NCI: collaborations with Children’s Oncology Group
- NIDDK: CKiD (Chronic Kidney Disease in children) project
- NIA: Formulations
- NINR: Formulations
- NIGMS and NIMH: T32 clinical pharmacology training
- NIMH: mental health clinical trials
- NIAID: numerous anti-infective trials, assay sharing
Research in Pediatric Developmental Pharmacology (RPDP) Centers (U54)

• Cooperative agreement
• Program Scientist Katerina Tsilou

• Multidisciplinary interactions between basic and clinical scientists, translational research
• Investigate the fundamental mechanisms of changes in drug disposition and response over the course of human development, from birth through adolescence
• Attempts to provide answers to the question ‘WHY are children different than adults in drug metabolism and response?’

• Current sites Children’s Mercy, Kansas City; Children’s National Medical Center Washington DC; Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis; University of California, San Diego.
Pediatric Trials Network (PTN) Overview

https://pediatrictrials.org/

- >6000 children enrolled in over 160 pediatric sites in 5 countries: Israel, Canada, United Kingdom, Singapore, Australia
- 45 Task Orders
- 21 clinical trials – Phase I-IV studies
- 74 drugs studied, 15 active INDs
- >40 publications, many poster and symposium presentations
- 10 completed Clinical Study Reports submitted to the FDA
- CONTRACT MECHANISM
Goals of the Trans NIH Special Interest Group on biomarkers in pediatric therapeutics

- To pursue opportunities for strengthening cross-disciplinary pediatrics biomarker research at the NIH while innovating beyond existing investments.
- Provide leadership, vision, and support to promote a strong body of pediatric biomarker research funded by the NIH,
- Collect, evaluate, and disseminate scientific information and funding opportunities for biomarker research in pediatric therapeutics at NIH
Membership

- NIH Program Staff (intramural and extramural)
- FDA regulators
- Investigators from pediatric networks involved in the study of diseases and drug studies in pediatrics
- Pharmaceutical companies scientists involved in pediatric studies
Deliverables

- Generation of Trans NIH biomarkers initiatives
- Analysis of currently available information
- Convening panels and mini symposiums
- Development of a road map by disease specific working groups
Trans-NIH Special Interest Group in Pediatric Biomarkers

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