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Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/Pages/Advisory-Groups-and-Review-Committees.aspx>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2); notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate requests for preclinical development resources for potential new therapeutics for the treatment of cancer. The outcome of the evaluation will provide information to internal NCI committees that will decide whether NCI should support requests and make available contract resources for development of the potential therapeutic to improve the treatment of various forms of cancer.

The research proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposed research projects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel NCI Experimental Therapeutics Program (Cycle 17 NEXT).

*Date:* August 22, 2014.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To evaluate the NCI Experimental Therapeutics Program Portfolio.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 6C06, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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### National Institutes of Health

#### Announcement of Requirements and Registration for "Stories of Basic Science to Medical Advances" Challenge

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 3719.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), one of the components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), announces a challenge titled "Stories of Basic Science to Medical Advances." This Challenge aims to track medical advances stemming from NIGMS-supported basic science.

**DATES:** Submission Period: July 21, 2014—October 20, 2014.

Judging Period: October 21, 2014—November 20, 2014.

Winners announced: 14 days after judging is complete.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Darren Sledjeski, Ph.D. 301-594-0943, [nigms\\_challenges@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nigms_challenges@mail.nih.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The mission of NIGMS is to support basic, non-disease-targeted research that increases understanding of life processes and lays the foundation for advances in disease diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. NIGMS-funded researchers seek to answer important scientific questions to increase our knowledge about the mechanisms and pathways involved in diseases and develop new tools and techniques that have medical applications. NIGMS' strategic plan states that one of its goals is to "advance awareness and understanding of the basic biomedical research enterprise, including its value, requirements, and potential impact." Accomplishing this goal, however, can be difficult because the path between basic discoveries and their applications is often long, and the connections can be hard to track.

In addition to tracking the medical advances stemming from NIGMS-supported science, the Challenge is also intended to attract more interest and attention to the basic science research funded by NIGMS; stimulate innovation by acknowledging the key role that NIGMS funded research plays in laying the foundation for advances in disease diagnosis, treatment and prevention; and advance the statutory purpose of NIGMS to "conduct and support research and health information dissemination with respect to general or basic medical sciences and related natural and behavioral sciences which have significance for two or more other national research institutes or are outside the general area of responsibility of any other national research institute." 42 U.S.C. 285k.

*Subject of Challenge:* NIH seeks the public's help in capturing NIGMS' progress toward its strategic goal to "advance awareness and understanding of the basic biomedical research enterprise, including its value, requirements, and potential impact." The goal of the Challenge is to identify past advances that are serving (or have served) to improve human health and well-being but not ongoing studies that may, in the future, have a major impact. NIGMS will use these examples to help inform the historical context of scientific breakthroughs and NIGMS'