

The American Brain Coalition is excited to present a webinar with BrainFacts.org to explain the science behind acute and chronic pain. Neuroscientists, clinicians and patient advocates discuss the nervous system mechanisms that underlie pain, approaches to developing new pain therapies, the human and economic impact of pain, and the federal investment in pain research. You can view the webinar [here](#).

Here is more news from the science advocacy world.

SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- Congressman Fattah recently outlined significant funding increases for neuroscience funding; the [NSF](#) will receive an increase of \$40.5 million from last year, and the [NIH](#) has been appropriated \$32 billion with major increases for the BRAIN initiative, Alzheimer's research, and the Precision Medicine Initiative.
- The NIH [launched](#) a public health campaign on link between hypertension and brain health. One of the goals of this campaign is to give people information about how they can decrease their chances of developing dementia later in life.
- Every year, the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) observes Brain Injury Awareness Month in March. This year, March 16 is the [Congressional Brain Injury Task Force Awareness Day](#).

IN THE NEWS

- Read about new research that may explain a dramatic [increase in diagnosis of autism](#); and another study that suggests that [deep brain stimulation](#) as a possible new treatment for autism.
- Scientists have [deconstructed](#) the strongest known genetic risk for schizophrenia; this gene may trigger runaway synaptic pruning during adolescence
- In [another study](#), scientists identified a mechanism behind genetic variations that were linked to schizophrenia in previous genomic studies. These findings could lead to novel therapies for schizophrenia.
- A NIH-funded study found that for first episode psychosis, early intervention is more cost-effective than typical care.
- Read the [latest newsletter](#) of ACT4PD! The newsletter highlights the Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's disease, an iPhone app that may monitor symptoms of Parkinson's disease and a new study where testing a person's saliva gland may be a way to diagnose early Parkinson's disease.

FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- Register to join a webinar to learn about [depression](#) (on Feb 9, 2016) and about [bipolar disorder](#) (on March 15, 2016).
- [Register](#) for the 2016 BrainHealth Lecture Series, The Brain: An Owner's Guide. Tickets are selling out quickly!
- The Koshland Science Museum is hosting an event entitled 'This is Your Brain on Food' on February 17, 2016. For more details, click [here](#).
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced an upcoming public-private partnership event, Brain Trust: Pathways to InnoVAtion. [Click](#) for more details.
- [Registration](#) is now open for the 18th Annual Meeting of American Society for Experimental Neurotherapeutics ([ASENT](#)).
- The American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology is hosting its Annual meeting in May/June 2016 in Arizona. Register [here](#).

- The Parkinson's Disease Foundation ([PDF](#)) is looking for applicants for PDF SELF (Self-Efficacy Learning Forum). Click [here](#) for details.
- The American Neurological Association ([ANA](#)) has a few announcements:
 - The ANA [invites](#) all levels of medical professionals in neurology to submit an abstract for its 141st Annual Meeting in October 2016 in Baltimore.
 - The ANA [announced](#) the 8th Annual Translational & Clinical Research Course to be held in July 2016, and
 - The ANA [announced](#) two new membership categories - associate and student membership.