



The Parkinson's Action Network, an active founding member of the ABC, [announced](#) that within the coming months, its leadership and programs will move to the Michael J Fox Foundation. PAN is excited by this opportunity. PAN President and CEO, and ABC Board member, Ted Thompson will transition to MJFF to lead their new public policy department. We look forward to working with Ted and others at MJFF.

Dr. Nancy Wexler, a former board member of ABC was recently [featured](#) on the NY1 segment 'One on 1 with Budd Mishkin'. Dr. Wexler studies Huntington's disease. This work has personal implications for her as the disease runs in her family and she is at risk for becoming one of its victims.

Reminder of the upcoming Congressional Neuroscience Caucus & STEAM Caucus Briefing on "Using our Brains and Art to Inspire a Future Generation of Scientists" which will be held on Thursday, April 27 at 12:00pm in Rayburn B-338. Please see the attached invitation.

SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins, along with directors of other institutes [testified](#) before the Senate L-HHS subcommittee on NIH's FY17 budget request.
- An NIH-funded study [found](#) that children with Cushing syndrome may be at a higher risk for suicide.
- Check out [this](#) website showing the impact of NIH-funded research on the world.
- Another [study](#) found that a single screening question about drinking frequency in the past year could help doctors identify adolescents at risk for alcohol problems.

IN THE NEWS

- A PBS NOVA [program](#) called 'Can Alzheimer's Be Stopped?' recently premiered. This program includes [content and a guide](#) to be shared with any interested parties.
- An aid for those suffering from post-traumatic stress is service dogs. Given that they are not considered standard of care, [One Mind](#) supports efforts being undertaken by American Humane Association (AHA) to do the research necessary to make service dogs an accepted standard of care.
- One Mind has also teamed up with the Department of Defense to explore long-term effects of blast injuries. The Institute also recently completed its 'Concussions' campaign to support hospital follow-up visits for patients involved in brain research studies.
- [IMHRO](#) has joined forces with [PatientsLikeMe](#) to better understand issues faced by patients with post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury.
- The [Center for Brain Health](#) has developed a virtual reality platform that helps individuals on the autism spectrum achieve social and economic independence. Visit [brainhealthdaily](#) to read about latest advances in neuroscience.

FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- Attend a Congressional briefing sponsored by The Friends of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism entitled '*Alcohol, Stress, and the Brain: Implications for Treatment and Recovery*' to be held on May 5, 2016. Details are [attached](#).
- Become a [member](#) of [AAAP](#) to find out about new research in the field of addiction psychiatry.
- The International Bipolar Foundation is offering an 'Ask the Expert' session where [Dr. Andrew Nierenberg](#) will talk about the role of nutrition in bipolar disorder. More answers from experts can be found [here](#).



- [Sign up](#) for a webinar entitled '*Intimate Partner and Family Relationships: Effective Communication Skills*' to be held on April 27, 2016.
- [Attend](#) the 4th Annual Parkinson Congress to be held in September 2016 in Portland, Oregon.
- The 2016 BIO Patient and Health Advocacy Summit will be held in Washington, DC in November 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Abstract submission is now open for [Neuroscience 2016](#).
- The Congressional Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus and the Bipartisan Task Force to Combat the Heroin Epidemic are hosting a briefing, *The Impact of Opioid Addiction on Infants*, on Wednesday, April 20th, at 3:30 p.m. in Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2168. To RSVP, please contact Anne Sokolov in Congressman Tim Ryan's Office at anne.sokolov@mail.house.gov, Katie Doherty in Congressman John Fleming's office katie.doherty@mail.house.gov, or Jeff Morgan in Congressman Paul Tonko's office at jeff.morgan@mail.house.gov.
- Please see the attached American Brain Coalition Spring Membership minutes.