



The American Brain Coalition has partnered with a number of ABC members including American Academy of Neurology, Epilepsy Foundation, Hydrocephalus Association, International Essential Tremor Foundation, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Organization for Rare Disorders, and Tourette Association in signing a [letter](#) to the lead sponsors of the Advancing Research for Neurological Diseases Act in the House and the Senate.

### SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- A package of bills focused on biomedical innovations, including [S. 849](#) - the Advancing Research for Neurological Diseases Act- is expected to make its way to the Senate floor for a full vote in the coming weeks. Contact [your](#) senator to urge them to continue working in a bipartisan fashion to bring this Bill to a vote. The letter can be found [here](#).
- The Michael J. Fox Foundation has launched a public policy department to advance government initiatives that improve the lives of people with Parkinson's, their families and caregivers. [Read](#) about this endeavor here.
- A pair of bills that will let more physicians use telemedicine techniques to treat Louisiana patients are [picking up steam!](#)
- Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) highlighted the Energy and Commerce Committee's recent three-day long "marathon markup" on legislation to combat the opioid epidemic. The House will [vote](#) on a number of bipartisan solutions to fight the growing opioid and drug abuse epidemic.

### IN THE NEWS

- The Reprogramming the Brain to Health Symposium featured brain experts from across the globe discussing groundbreaking discoveries that may further individualized medicine. [Read more](#) about computational psychiatry.
- Research [shows](#) that complex brain connectivity patterns identified in individuals with chronic phases of traumatic brain injury may explain long-term higher order cognitive function deficits.
- Another study [shows](#) that the age at which an adolescent begins using marijuana may have long-term effects on brain development.
- Researchers [explain](#) how ketamine exerts its rapid antidepressant effects; in [another](#) research, the cognitive and behavioral deficits in a mouse model for schizophrenia were reversed.
- The NIH [appointed](#) Patricia Flatley Brennan, R.N., Ph.D., to lead the National Library of Medicine.
- [Read](#) about research investigating the social determinants of health.
- The Food and Drug Administration released a [report](#) focusing on patient voices in Parkinson's disease.
- The FDA has approved [Nuplazid](#) for psychosis in patients with Parkinson's disease.
- In an [article](#) in the Washington Post, Dan Kiefer, a person with Parkinson's, shares how boxing helps him manage his disease.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [issued a rule](#) to advance health equity and reduce health care disparities.
- A NIH-funded study [reveals](#) how differences in male and female brains emerge.
- [Tune in](#) to Help4HD Live! to hear Dr. Nancy Wexler, President of the Hereditary Disease Foundation, discusses the latest developments in the search for a cure for Huntington's disease.

### FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- [Nominate](#) someone who has contributed significantly to research in the central nervous system for the prestigious Brain Prize.
- Check out and apply for [this](#) opening for Deputy Division Director, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS) at the National Science Foundation.
- [Join](#) the 27th Annual State of the States in Head Injury Meeting to be held in Ohio in September 2016.
- [Join](#) the Essential Tremor Teleconference to be held in June 2016.
- [Register](#) for a course entitled "Addictions and Their Treatments" to be held in Florida in December 2016.
- [Register](#) for the World Parkinson Coalition Leadership Forum to be held in Portland, Oregon in September 2016. This conference will be held a day before the official program.