



The American Brain Coalition (ABC) Fall Membership Meeting is being held in conjunction with the [2016 NINDS Nonprofit Forum!](#) Please attend this year's ABC Fall Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 14 from 4:00-5:30pm in Lister Hill/Natcher Conference Center (NIH Campus).

## SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- The NIH intends to launch the [Precision Medicine Initiative](#) (PMI) Cohort Program – a longitudinal research study involving a million or more volunteer participants – later this year. The first meeting of all the stakeholders: the [Data and Research Support Center](#), [Participant Technologies Center](#), and network of [Health Provider Organizations](#) will take place this week! This is exciting new venture that seeks to truly personalize diagnosis and cure of diseases.
- To accelerate clinical research studies, the NIH issued a new policy to streamline the review process for NIH-funded, multi-site clinical research studies in the United States. This [Policy](#) will enable multi-site studies conducting the same protocol use a single IRB to carry out the ethical review of the proposed research. Additional resources are available [here](#).
- The House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee approved its FY 2017 spending bill; the subcommittee released a [draft bill text](#), a [summary of the bill](#) and a [webcast](#) of the markup.

## IN THE NEWS

- A recent national [study](#) showed that childhood trauma can be linked to later illicit drug use.
- Another [study](#) found that adults suffering from major depressive disorder are less likely to respond to antidepressant medications if they have experienced physical, emotional, or sexual abuse as children, particularly before the age of 7.
- Researchers have [discovered](#) new clues as to how exercise beneficially impacts brain activity in young people with bipolar disorder.
- We know that exercise has a healthy effect on the body and the mind. How is this so? In a recent study, [researchers have found](#) that skeletal muscle cells secrete proteins into the blood during exercise that have a regenerative effect on the brain.
- The fifth Annual Meeting of the [Global Research Council](#) was held in May in New Delhi, India. Click [here](#) for a summary of the meeting!

## FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research is currently hiring! Check out the openings [here!](#)
- The Premier Course of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) is now open for registration. You can find highlights of the Course [here](#) and register [here](#).
- [Join](#) a webinar entitled 'Animal Modeling 101' hosted by Cohen Veterans Bioscience to be held on July 20, 2016.
- The Parkinson's Disease Foundation has launched a new nurse [webinar series](#), and the first webinar will be held on July 12, 2016.
- Check out the [Neurology Career Center](#) for new and exciting job opportunities.
- Register [here](#) for the 27th Annual 'State of the States in Head Injury' Meeting to be held in September 2016.
- Coming Soon! Join the [Tour de Fox Series](#). Ride, celebrate and donate for cutting-edge research in Parkinson's disease.
- The International Essential Tremor Foundation ([IETF](#)) is hosting an ET Education Forum in Denver in September, 2016. Please see [attached flyer](#) for more details.
- Register for the University of Pittsburgh Brain Institute's Brain Day 2016 on in November! Click [here](#) for more details and to register.
- Save the Date for a [virtual conference](#) organized by the Society for Neuroscience entitled 'The Other Brain Cells: New Insights into What Glial Cells Do' to be held on September 22, 2016. This event is free for SfN members.
- AAN's [Capitol Hill Report](#) highlights the following this week: CMS Releases Proposed Medicare Fee Schedule with Major Victories for Neurology; AAN Regulatory Advocacy Secures Success on Meaningful Use Reporting Period; Congress Stalls on Zika Funding; Partnering with Patient Groups.