



ABC UPDATE 08/25/2016

We are pleased to announce two special guests to attend the upcoming American Brain Coalition Fall Membership Meeting - the National Institute of Mental Health Director, Joshua Gordon, MD, PhD and Dr. Walter Koroshetz, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Director. The ABC Fall Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14 from 4:00-5:30pm in Lister Hill/Natcher Conference Center (NIH Campus). Register [here](#) to attend this meeting and see attached flyer for more details!

SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- Read about [this study](#) that looked at who funds mental health research worldwide.

IN THE NEWS

- Check out the Foundation for Biomedical Research ([FBR](#)) Smartbrief to read about why [animal research](#) remains essential to medical advances, a [see-through mouse](#) that lets researchers trace neural pathways, a [stem-cell therapy](#) that shows promise in stroke, a study that shows how the [Zika virus](#) attacks neural stem cells, whether changes in the retina might be [early symptoms](#) of Parkinson's Disease, a [novel opioid](#) that may decrease pain with fewer side-effects and about the '[chemobrain](#)'.
- The [FBR](#) along with eight organizations also released a [White paper](#) entitled 'The Critical Role of Nonhuman Primates in Medical Research'.
- Read about a [new tool](#) that calculates a patient's risk for psychosis, [gene variations](#) associated with intellectual disability and the [effects of lithium](#) on the hippocampus in patients with bipolar disorder.
- The NIH has announced [a new research program](#) to address health disparities of chronic diseases.
- [Check out](#) these summer reading suggestions from scientists.
- In a NIH-funded study, researchers [examine](#) how Parkinson's disease alters brain activity over time to come up with therapies that could slow progression. Another [study](#) examined methods for restoring brain cells killed by stroke or other neurological diseases using stem cells.
- [Check out](#) a report entitled 'Neuroscience Trials of the Future: Proceedings of a Workshop' released by the the Health and Medicine Division ([HMD](#)).

FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- [Sign up](#) for the 8th Annual International Mental Health Research Symposium to be held in October 2016 in NYC.
- [Register](#) for a webinar entitled 'Living Well with ADHD: Scientific Guideposts to Improved Outcomes' to be held in September 2016.
- [Sign up](#) for the next Open Policy Session of the National Advisory Mental Health Council (NAMHC) to be held on September 20, 2016 and get informed about current programs and priorities of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).
- [Register](#) for the 2016 BIO Patient & Health Advocacy Summit to be held in November 2016 in Washington DC.
- [Join](#) the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP), and get AAAP's Performance in Practice (PIP) for smoking and alcohol use disorders free! [Apply](#) for various travel awards for AAAP's annual meeting!
- [Register](#) for the 2016 American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology ([ASCP](#)) to be held in October 2016 in New York.
- [Register](#) for Research!America's National Health Research Forum - a unique, interactive gathering of leaders in medical, health and scientific research to discuss efforts to make medical progress a higher national priority. This meeting will be held in September in Washington DC.
- [Register](#) for a webinar entitled 'Biochemistry Features of Bipolar Disorders and Advanced Nutrient Therapies' to be held on August 31st.
- [RSVP](#) for a briefing entitled 'Brain Development and Our Kids' Future - the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study' to be held on September 19, 2016. See attached flyer for more details.
- [Apply](#) for an International Essential Tremor Foundation (IETF) Scholarship given to qualified post-high school students of all ages, to lessen the burden of higher education.
- The University of Pittsburgh Brain Institute's [Brain Day 2016](#) is fast approaching! Make sure to register and attend!