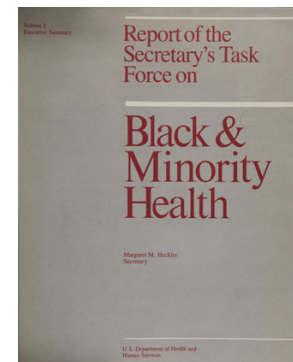


Leading Research and Innovation in Minority Health and Health Disparities

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) envisions an America in which all populations will have an equal opportunity to live long, healthy, and productive lives. Since the Heckler Report was published 35 years ago, NIMHD and its predecessors have been establishing a minority health and health disparities research agenda, building the capacity of institutions and organizations to conduct scientific research on disparities, and fostering the training and career development of individuals from underrepresented populations in the fields of science and medicine.

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) **Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health** (the Heckler Report) documents the existence of health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities in the United States.



The **Office of Minority Programs (OMP)** is established within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of the Director. The OMP convenes town hall meetings nationwide to gather input for the Minority Health Initiative, a multi-year research and training program.

John Ruffin, Ph.D., is appointed Associate Director of Minority Programs to direct the OMP.*

The **Office of Research on Minority Health (ORMH)** is established within HHS. It develops a research agenda for minority health at NIH and launches the D.C. Infant Mortality Initiative, reducing African American infant mortality in the nation's capital by 28%.

"While we are making incremental progress, it is time to accelerate the pace. It is a daunting challenge, but it is surmountable if you take your role seriously and make your contribution to win this race."

—John Ruffin, Ph.D.

*Dr. Ruffin was appointed Associate Director of Minority Programs to direct the OMP in 1990, Associate Director for Research on Minority Health in 1993, Director of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities in 2001, and Director of NIMHD in 2010.

The **Advisory Committee on Research on Minority Health** is established to advise the Directors of ORMH and NIH on minority health research and research training.

Congress elevates ORMH to become the **National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD)**, which launches programs to support minority health and health disparities research, training, and information dissemination and to encourage diversity in the scientific workforce.



NCMHD launches the **Research Endowment Program**, which awards grants to promote institutional capacity-building in minority health and health disparities research.

NCMHD launches the **Loan Repayment Program for Health Disparities Research** and the **Extramural Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds** to support health professionals engaged in basic, clinical, behavioral, social sciences, or health services research addressing health disparities.

NCMHD establishes the **Centers of Excellence for Research Education and Training** in colleges and universities to address health disparities through research, research training and education, and community engagement and to increase the number of investigators from populations subject to health disparities.

NCMHD holds the first **NIH Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit** and announces the **Intramural Research Program** to create training and mentorship opportunities for early stage and seasoned investigators to enhance NIH's diversity of scientists and research disciplines.



Through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), NCMHD becomes the **National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)**, highlighting the law's emphasis on health disparities and minority health. NIMHD launches a 2-week intensive **Translational Health Disparities Course**, "Integrating Principles of Science, Practice, and Policy in Health Disparities Research."



NIMHD appoints **William G. Coleman Jr., Ph.D.**, as its first permanent scientific director. He is the first African American scientific director in the history of the NIH Intramural Research Program.



NIMHD hosts the second **Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit** in partnership with the NIH Institutes and Centers, HHS agencies, and 14 of 15 federal executive departments, highlighting strategies, policies, and models from around the world to combat social, economic, and environmental factors that cause health disparities.



Dr. Ruffin retires as the first Director of NIMHD. Yvonne T. Maddox, Ph.D., becomes Acting Director. NIMHD co-sponsors the on-campus residential **NIH Medical Research Scholars Program** for medical, dental, and veterinary students. NIMHD signs on to the **trans-NIH R01 Research Project Grant Program**, thrusting investigator-initiated research on minority health and health disparities into the spotlight.

"We need to ask ourselves what's next to deepen our understanding of the biological and non-biological determinants of health disparities. It's critical that we determine the path forward to greater discovery and then translate this into practice and policy."

—Yvonne T. Maddox, Ph.D., Acting Director, NIMHD



Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, M.D., becomes the second Director of NIMHD. NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., hosts Valerie Jarrett, J.D., senior advisor to President Barack Obama and assistant to the president for intergovernmental affairs and public engagement, for a conversation in Masur Auditorium as part of NIMHD's recognition of National Minority Health Month.

"With the revolutionary advances of recent decades, biomedical research has more potential to improve our nation's health than ever before. By championing research on minority health and health disparities, NIMHD is ensuring that everyone contributes to these advances—and everyone benefits."

—Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, M.D., Director, NIMHD

NIMHD releases a new funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for its flagship program, Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI). The new FOA capitalizes on the program's capacity to generate new scientific discoveries in minority health and health disparities research and to stimulate the next generation of researchers from underrepresented populations in institutions that are committed to this mission. NIMHD Director Dr. Pérez-Stable announces the formal designation of sexual and gender minorities (SGMs) as a health disparity population for NIH research with support from Andrew Bindman, M.D., Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.



NIMHD announces the appointment of Anna María Nápoles, Ph.D., M.P.H., as scientific director of its Division of Intramural Research (DIR), making her the first Latina named to the position at NIH. NIMHD holds its inaugural Minority Health 5K Walk/Run on the NIH Bethesda campus on April 12 in recognition of National Minority Health Month. The event engages hundreds of NIH employees.

The NIMHD Scientific Advancement Plan is established to improve health equity by advancing the science of minority health and health disparities. The Scientific Advancement Plan outlines NIMHD's approach to advance the fields of minority health and health disparities research to both contribute to and benefit from these advances in the interest of health disparity populations and to foster the next generation of researchers to lead discoveries that will promote health equity.

Dr. Pérez-Stable attends the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies hearing on Investments in Medical Research at Five Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health with NIH Director Dr. Francis S. Collins and Directors Christopher Austin, M.D. (National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences); Patricia Flatley Brennan, Ph.D., RN (National Library of Medicine); Helene Langevin, M.D. (National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health); and Bruce Tromberg, Ph.D. (National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering).

NIMHD celebrates **10 years** as an Institute at NIH, **20 years** since being established as a Center, and **30 years** since becoming the Office of Minority Programs in the NIH Office of the Director.

