



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences; Notice of Public Online Roundtable

ACTION: Notice; announcement of public forum.

SUMMARY: The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) will host a public online roundtable to share the latest updates on how NCATS is advancing translational science research and provide an opportunity for an interactive discussion with NCATS director Dr. Joni Rutter.

DATES: The public online forum will be available on October 9, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The public forum will be held online, at <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/254720356527980?p=p25BdPepvAOddo3GEA> on the date indicated above.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The roundtable will also invite public discussion of proposed organizational changes at NCATS, including abolishing the Office of Drug Development Partnership Programs and the Office of Translational Medicine, revising the functional statement of the Office of Special Initiatives, and renaming the Chemical Genomics Branch as the Translational Models Branch. These changes are intended to consolidate program components within the NCATS Office of the Director and align one of the Center's intramural research branches with efforts to create non-animal models of disease. During the online forum, members of the public will be able to review the proposed changes and submit comments.

The NIH Reform Act of 2006 (42 USC Sec.281 (d)(4)) requires public notice of proposed reorganization plans. This announcement and the public forum serve as that notice.

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