

**Welcome**



**Coalition 2017 Outreach & Education Meeting**  
Creating Connections for Science



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# NIAMS Coalition A Brief History

Founded more than 20 years ago to support and advocate on behalf of NIAMS research

**Founding Organizations:** AAOS, American Academy of Dermatology, Arthritis Foundation, Society for Investigative Dermatology, National Osteoporosis Foundation

A decade ago the coalition was reorganized into its current form and bylaws were developed



# The Coalition Today

The NIAMS Coalition is an **independent consortium** of national professional and voluntary organizations. These organizations raise awareness about NIAMS research into the basic understanding, causes, incidence, treatment, and prevention of diseases of the bones, joints, muscles, and skin. **Member organizations are key partners of the Institute**, and serve as the voices of the patients and professionals for whom the NIAMS works.



# The Coalition Today

We engage with the leadership of member organizations to **foster collaborations**, educate about important issues regarding NIAMS-related research, and works with Institute colleagues **to advance awareness of the Institute and its work.**



# Membership

## **Member Organization Requirements:**

Hold a 501(c)3 or 501(c)6 or similar designation

**Represent patients benefiting from NIAMS research and/or health care professionals or scientists receiving NIAMS-funded research grants**

Have a mission or provide services that are national in scope

**Demonstrate interest in NIAMS research**



## Composition

Currently, the NIAMS Coalition consists of **93** professional and voluntary organizations represented by **162** organizational leaders.

The logo features a stylized 'C' with 'NAMS' written inside it, followed by the text 'Coalition 2017 Outreach & Education Meeting' and the tagline 'Creating Connections for Science' below it.

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# Focus & Work

**Advocacy**

**Awareness**

**Education**





# Advocacy

## Serving as Advocates for the NIAMS

One of the most important roles of the Coalition is serving as **the voice of patients and professionals** concerned with NIAMS-focused research. As such the Coalition engages in efforts to educate elected officials and **advocate** for the work and mission of the NIAMS **to advance scientific discovery.**



# Awareness

## **NIAMS Awareness Day**

Biennial event (next to be held in 2018) to which the Coalition invites members of Congress and their staff from key committees to learn from NIAMS staff and researchers and visit labs on the NIH campus.

**Program Goal:** to provide elected officials and their staff a broad overview of research that is funded by federal research dollars through the NIAMS, and its **impact on science that can benefit millions of American lives.**



# Education

## **Webinars**

Over the past two years, the Coalition, with help and support from NIAMS staff, has developed educational webinars on various topics relating to such topics as

**PROMIS**

Collaborating with External Organizations

Clinical Trials

NIH Grants Process & Priority Setting



# Education

## Outreach & Education Meeting

This biennial conference (next to be held in 2019) is a hallmark event for the Coalition at which its members and the NIAMS staff come together to **learn** from one another, to **inspire** and **foster collaborations**, and **advance our common goals** regarding arthritis, musculoskeletal and skin diseases for patient communities, researchers and medical professionals.



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