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to support America's health
through nursing science



Join AACN's Social Media Campaign to Support Nursing Science

On April 25, AACN will launch the "[Nursing Science Transforms](#)" campaign to bring public attention to the critical work of nursing researchers. The campaign's goals are: 1) Educate legislators and the public on the impact and contributions of nursing research, and 2) Ask Congress to protect federal funding streams for healthcare and biomedical research. This advocacy push comes at a time of critical juncture: federal dollars that support research agencies, and in turn, the translation of discoveries yielded from the scientific community, are at risk of severe cuts. The campaign's launch begins with a **Thunderclap event on April 25** for maximum impact on social media. [Sign up now](#) to add your voice to the **Thunderclap**. [Learn more about the campaign on AACN's website](#).

Two Budgets Under Deadline: How Will Congress Address FY 2017 and FY 2018?

As AACN advocates may be aware, the current Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Continuing Resolution is set to expire on April 28. Congress is on recess until April 21, giving appropriators a tight deadline to pass a final spending package. To reiterate the critical importance of federal dollars for healthcare and research, the Nursing Community coalition, of which AACN is a member, [sent a letter](#) to the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (LHHS-ED) Appropriations Subcommittees on April 10 requesting \$244 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs and \$157 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) in FY 2017.

For FY 2018, AACN continues to advocate for \$244 million for the Title VIII programs, \$160 million for NINR, and \$380 million for the National Health Service Corps. AACN thanks Representatives Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Rodney Davis (R-IL) for circulating a [Dear Colleague letter](#) in the House supporting \$244 million for Title VIII programs as well as the 89 additional Representatives from both sides of the aisle who signed on. This endeavor was also made possible by nearly 500 AACN's Grassroots Network advocates who responded to an Action Alert asking their Representatives to sign the letter.

NIH to Host a Council of Councils Meeting

On May 26, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will convene a Council of Councils Meeting. The meeting's [notice](#) in the Federal Register highlights that the agenda items for the sessions open to the public include a discussion of the history of the Knockout Mouse Program, background on NIH and federal budget process, progress and plans at the National Institute on Aging, and the Common Fund Diversity Program. The open session will be videocast and can be accessed from the [NIH Videocasting and Podcasting website](#).

