# The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs

CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH

**CDMRP Plenary Briefing** 















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#### Who is the CDMRP?



#### **Department of Defense**







**Medical Research and Materiel** Command



**Congressionally Directed** EDIVIRIP Medical Research Programs





#### **Vision and Mission**

## Vision

Transform healthcare for Service Members and the American public through innovative and impactful research

## Mission

Responsibly manage collaborative research that discovers, develops, and delivers health care solutions for Service Members, Veterans and the American public





#### Hallmarks

- **◆** Targeted research funds added to DoD budget by Congress
- **♦** Consumers participate throughout process
- ◆ National Academy of Medicine (IOM) recommended model for application review
- **♦** Funds high-impact innovative research
- ◆ Each program's vision and investment strategy are adapted annually, allowing rapid response to changing needs
- **◆** Avoid Duplication with other funding agencies
  - Fills Unfunded/Unmet Gaps
- **◆** Funding flexibility
  - Funds obligated up-front; limited out-year budget commitments
  - Limited continuation funding
  - ❖ No "pay line;" funding recommendations based on portfolio composition, adherence to intent of mechanism, relative impact in addition to technical merit







## Consumers

Grassroots consumers heightened political awareness of breast cancer that led to increased funding for cancer research and the 1992 creation of the CDMRP. The voices and experiences of consumers continue to play a pivotal role in the establishment and growth of research programs.

Over 2,100 consumers
representing over 1,000
organizations
have served on Peer Review
and Programmatic Review
panels





## **FY16 Funding**

Program	\$M	Program	\$M
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Disorders	\$4.0	Peer Reviewed Alzheimer's	\$15.0
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	\$7.5	Peer Reviewed Cancer (13 Topics)	\$50.0
Autism	\$7.5	Peer Reviewed Medical (39 Topics)	\$278.7
Bone Marrow Failure	\$3.0	Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic	\$30.0
Breast Cancer	\$120.0	Prostate Cancer	\$80.0
Breast Cancer Research Semipostal	\$0.2	Reconstructive Transplant	\$12.0
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy	\$3.2	Spinal Cord Injury	\$30.0
Epilepsy	\$7.5	Tick-Borne Disease	\$5.0
Gulf War Illness	\$20.0	Trauma Clinical	\$10.0
Joint Warfighter Medical (1)	\$50.0	Tuberous Sclerosis	\$6.0
Lung Cancer	\$12.0	Vision	\$10.0
Military Burn	\$8.0	Programs Managed on behalf of Others: (1)	
Multiple Sclerosis	\$6.0	Centers of Excellence	\$3.1
Neurofibromatosis	\$15.0	Defense Medical R&D	\$120.5
Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes	\$10.0	Defense Medical R&D Restoral	\$31.6
Ovarian Cancer	\$20.0	Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury	\$69.6
Parkinson's	\$16.0	Small Business Innovation Fund	\$3.6

(1) Approximate funding to be managed on behalf of others

**TOTAL** = \$1.1B





## A Major Funder

◆ The CDMRP is THE leading U.S. funder for Neurofibromatosis research

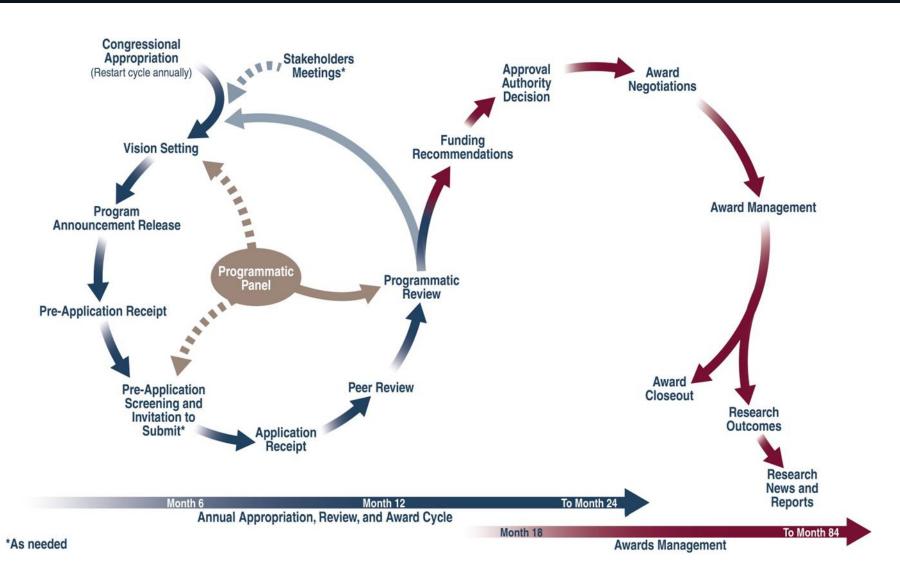
- ◆ The CDMRP is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest U.S. funder for research in:
  - Breast cancer
  - Gulf War Illness
  - Lung cancer
  - Ovarian cancer
  - Prostate cancer
  - Tuberous sclerosis complex







## **Program Cycle**







#### **Goal of the Two-Tier Review Process**

## Mission

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#### Peer Review

**Partnership** 

# Programmatic Review

- Criterion-based evaluation of full proposal
- Determination of "absolute" scientific merit
- Outcome: Written critique and scores for individual criteria and overall merit
  - ❖No standing peer review panels
  - No contact between reviewers and applicants

- Comparison among proposals of high scientific merit
- Determination of adherence to intent and program relevance
- Outcome: Funding recommendations
  - ❖ No "pay line" (portfolio balance)
  - Funds obligated up front; no out-year budget commitments (but milestones imposed)
  - No continuation funding





## **Award Mechanisms Pipeline**

## **Career Development**

Funding for all career stages



#### Research Awards

Closing gaps in research through innovative and impactful research





## Transparency

## https://cdmrp.army.mil

- **♦** Financials
- Funding Opportunities
- Search Awards
- Research Outcomes

