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NIH COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR APPLICANTS AND GRANTEES

Guidance for various aspects of research and grant application processes, as well as FAQs and COVID-19 funding opportunities can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES HISTORY WEBPAGE

Relevant updates for applicants and grantees by date can be found [here](#).

FAQ DOCUMENT ON COVID-19 FLEXIBILITIES

Policies and programs affecting the grants process can be found [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC TO COVID-19

A list of active and expired funding opportunities across NIH related to SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 research can be found [here](#).

HHS COVID-19 AWARDS TRACKING WEBSITE

The HHS COVID-19 award tracking website, including data on awards made by all HHS awarding agencies with supplemental appropriations, can be found [here](#).

NIH COVID-19 RESEARCH WEBSITE

A new website provides a central location for trusted, up-to-date, accurate information about research and the NIH's strategic role in COVID-19 research. Read more [here](#).

DRUG THERAPY OFFERS PROMISE AGAINST METH USE

According to findings published in the New England Journal of Medicine, a combination of anti-addiction drugs for opioids and smoking could offer the first pharmaceutical therapy to treat methamphetamine use disorder. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

METHAMPHETAMINE OVERDOSE DEATHS RISE SHARPLY NATIONWIDE

Methamphetamine overdoses rose nationwide between 2011-2018, according to a new study from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Read more [here](#).

CANNABIS USE IN YOUNG PEOPLE WITH MOOD DISORDERS

According to a new study in JAMA Pediatrics, cannabis use disorder is associated with an increased risk of self-harm, mortality and unintentional overdose for young people diagnosed with mood disorders. Read more [here](#).

BIDEN ORDER COULD IMPACT CBD GUIDANCE

As President Joe Biden begins his term, the transition is impacting pending rules and policies from the former Trump administration, including those concerning hemp and CBD. Read more [here](#).

PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF BUPRENORPHINE CANCELLED

On January 27, the Biden administration said it is canceling a last-minute plan by its predecessors to let more physicians prescribe an opioid-treatment drug. Read more [here](#).

PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATION MAY INCREASE ADHERENCE TO OPIOID TREATMENT

A NIDA-supported study published in *Addiction* found that a collaborative approach to treating opioid use disorder that relies heavily on community pharmacists is feasible and may increase adherence and participant satisfaction. Read more [here](#).

SAMHSA GUIDE TO MAT IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

SAMHSA released a new guide, *Use of Medication-Assisted Treatment in Emergency Departments*, that examines emerging and best practices for initiating medication-assisted treatment in emergency departments. Read more [here](#).