

# News Release



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## **AAMC Applauds Administration, Congress for Recovery Act NIH Funding Urges Significant Annual Budget Increases to Sustain Momentum**

**Washington, D.C., October 21, 2009**—AAMC (*Association of American Medical Colleges*) President and CEO Darrell G. Kirch, M.D., issued the following statement today at the press conference sponsored by *ResearchMeansHope.org*:

“Medical research is one of the best investments we can make in our country’s future. The nation’s medical schools and teaching hospitals are deeply appreciative of the generous support for NIH research in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Ongoing bold and visionary NIH funding will benefit all Americans by preventing, treating, and reducing disease and disability, and will contribute to our nation’s economic strength by creating skilled and high-paying jobs, new products and industries, and improved technologies.

On behalf of patients everywhere for whom medical research is the beginning of hope, and the physicians and scientists who work so hard to help them, we thank President Obama and members of Congress for their leadership and urge them to sustain the momentum in medical research through significant, annual increases in the NIH budget.”

The AAMC is a founding sponsor of *ResearchMeansHope.org*.

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