

NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH FORUM

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SEPTEMBER 23 ALL TIMES EDT

8:30 a.m.

Opening Breakfast & Early Career Civic Science Poster Session Civic Science Poster Presenters

- **Erica Bulzomi**, Weill Cornell Graduate School
- **Letonia Copeland-Hardin, PhD** University of Chicago
- **Helen Etya'ale**, School of Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis
- **Sandra Owusu**, University of Alabama, Birmingham
- **Nathan Raabe**, University of Pittsburgh
- **Jonathon Sens, PhD**, Wake Forest University School of Medicine
- **Breana Turner, PhD, MPH, CHES** Virginia Tech

9:15 a.m.

Welcome & Introductory Remarks



Sudip Parikh, PhD*
Chief Executive Officer, American Association
for the Advancement of Science



Russ Paulsen
President & Chief Executive
Officer, Research!America

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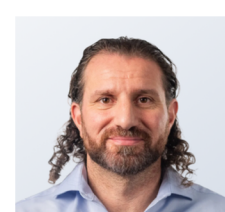
John Reed, MD, PhD
Executive Vice President, Innovative Medicine, R&D
Johnson & Johnson

9:25 a.m.

Federal Remarks



Matthew J. Memoli, MD
Principal Deputy Director
National Institutes of Health (NIH)



Rafid Fadul, MD, MBA
Assuming some duties of Deputy Director, Chief Medical Officer
Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)

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10:10 a.m.

Investment Report Debut

From Dollars to Discoveries: U.S. Investments in Medical and Health Research and Development 2021-2025



Russ Paulsen
President & Chief Executive
Officer, Research!America

10:30 a.m.

Panel Discussion

Securing the Frontier: Safeguarding America’s Leadership in Global R&D and Clinical Innovation

Moderator



Jenny Luray
Senior Vice President of Strategy and Public Engagement
Research!America



Amy Comstock Rick, JD
Director, Rare Disease Innovation
Hub, FDA



Caitlin Grzeskowiak, PhD
Chief Research and Innovation
Officer, Epilepsy Foundation



Alina Meltaus
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