

NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH FORUM

INVESTING IN INNOVATION

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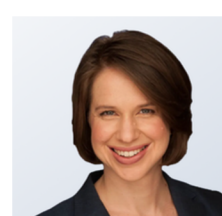
John Reed, MD, PhD
Executive Vice President, Innovative Medicine, R&D
Johnson & Johnson

9:25 a.m.

Federal Remarks



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



Alicia Jackson, PhD
Director
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
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Panel Discussion

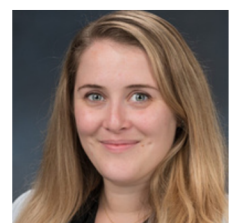
Securing the Frontier: Safeguarding America's Leadership in Global R&D and Clinical Innovation

Moderator



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

10:30 a.m.



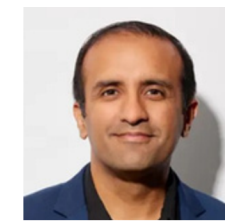
Alina Meltaus
Chief of Staff, National Security
Commission on Emerging
Biotechnology



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



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



Raj Panjabi, MD*
Senior Partner
Flagship Pioneering

11:30 a.m.

Group Strategy Sessions

Translating Research into Real World Impact

Group 1 Facilitators



Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH*
President and CEO
Foundation for the National
Institutes of Health

Group 2 Facilitators



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

Group 3 Facilitators



Keith Yamamoto, PhD*
Special Advisor to the Chancellor, Science Policy & Strategy;
Vice Chancellor for Research, Emeritus; Professor, Cellular
& Molecular Pharmacology, Emeritus, UCSF

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