



### SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- Neurologists from the [American Academy of Neurology](#) testified at the House Concussion Roundtable and shared new information about concussion.
- Representatives from the [American Academy of Neurology](#) talked to the chair of the Health Subcommittee about the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization ([MACRA](#)) Act that covers a new physician reimbursement system.
- The NIH will [review](#) its policies on all nonhuman primate research this summer.

### IN THE NEWS

- [Join](#) Mackenzie Drazan - an undergraduate student who has created an online educational resource called [teachingeveryoneaboutmentalhealth.com](#) in response to the loss of her sister due to suicide.
- For [Brain Awareness Week](#), the Center for BrainHealth is [fostering collaborations](#) among multidisciplinary groups. [Read](#) why collaboration is critical.
- In another event, middle-school students from the Washington DC area [worked](#) with NIH scientists as part of Brain Awareness Week.
- A study [suggests](#) the existence of a non-opioid process in the brain to reduce pain through mindfulness meditation.
- Another NIH-funded study has [developed](#) 3-d technology that promotes reprogramming of stem cells into neurons providing potential therapies for neurodegenerative disorders.
- A NIH consortium uses big data and team science to [uncover](#) complex interplay of factors to decode molecular ties between vascular disease and Alzheimer's disease.
- [Read](#) about a study that ties genes to variable response to lithium in bipolar disorder.
- Another [study](#) has found that spontaneous (non-inherited) mutations may play a role in development of childhood-onset schizophrenia.
- [Learn](#) about the 15 new researchers that have been awarded grants by [NARSAD](#).

### FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- The NIH is hosting a [summit](#) to discuss the advances and research priorities in the field of Alzheimer's disease-related dementias (ADRDs), in particular updating what progress has been made since the first summit held in May 2013.
- [Register](#) for a meeting entitled 'The Science and Policy of Marijuana' hosted by the AAAS and the Dana Foundation to be held on March 30, 2016.
- [Join](#) to learn about a new project to oversee a national surveillance system to determine the incidence of sports-related concussions among youth and regarding traumatic brain injury to be held on April 6, 2016.
- [Register](#) for a free lecture entitled 'The Powerful Impact of Yoga and Meditation' with Bianca Zable to be held on March 29, 2016.
- The National Medicare Education Program webinar will be held on March 30, 2016. Registration details are attached with this Update.
- The National Institutes of Health will convene a [Pathways to Prevention](#) workshop to assess the available scientific evidence to better understand the importance of identifying efforts that could be effective in preventing suicidal thoughts and behaviors as early as possible on March 29 and 30, 2016.
- [Join](#) a webinar entitled 'Leveraging Novel Concepts of Receptor Biology Toward a Better Treatment for Schizophrenia' to be held on April 12, 2016.