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National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Diabetes.--As recommended by the Committee, a scientific Diabetes Research Working Group has been established to develop for the Congress a comprehensive research plan for all NIH-funded diabetes research. The Committee is pleased that the Working Group has already reviewed the NIH diabetes research portfolio; heard public commentary and presentations from the diabetes voluntary community; and drafted preliminary subgroup reports. While the Committee awaits the full Working Group's final research plan, it notes that the Group has identified a number of extraordinary research opportunities." Therefore the Committee urges all NIH institutes and centers to consider implementing the recommendations in a timely fashion so that no time is lost in bringing potential research benefits to diabetic patients and their families. The Committee also encourages the Working Group to include overall cost estimates to accomplish its recommendations in the final research plan. (p. 69)