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Office of the Director, NIH

In light of the enormous human and economic costs of diabetes and the cross-Institute nature of diabetes research at the NIH, the Committee urges the Director, in collaboration with the Director of the NIDDK, to consider the establishment of a diabetes research working group to develop a comprehensive plan for NIH-supported diabetes research. Members of the working group could include: high-level representatives from those Institutes that have diabetes research portfolios; leading diabetes researchers; representatives from industry; and leaders of organizations that represent people with diabetes. The Director of the NIDDK and the Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee should work closely with the working group in the development and implementation of the diabetes research plan.

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

Diabetes affects 16 million Americans and is a leading cause of blindness, kidney disease, heart disease, and amputations. Given the enormous human and economic costs of diabetes, the Committee urges the Director of the Institute to work closely with the Director of the NIH in establishing a diabetes research working group to develop a comprehensive plan for all NIH-funded diabetes research efforts. The Director of the Institute and the Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee is encouraged to work closely with the working group in the development and implementation of the diabetes research plan.