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Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Building Research Capacity to Bridge the Gap From Science to Service

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Health scientists have successfully developed and tested a plethora of clinical and community interventions demonstrated to treat and prevent medical and behavioral illnesses. However, as leaders in research and clinical practice have noted, there is still an enormous gap between what we know can maximize the quality of health care and what is currently being delivered in practice and community settings. More present than ever within the research community is the belief that to optimize public health we must not only understand how to create the best interventions, but how to best ensure that they are effectively delivered within clinical and community practice. This is the focus of dissemination and implementation research, and building this knowledge base is imperative to get the best return on decades of investment in biomedical and behavioral research.

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Although the field of dissemination and implementation research is steadily growing, leaders acknowledge the limited capacity within the research and practice community to conduct the necessary studies. In this spirit, the National Institutes of Health invites you to the second annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation, *Building Research Capacity to Bridge the Gap from Science to Service*. This year's conference will provide interactive forums for the development and growth of the field, with a particular focus on ways in which research capacity can be enhanced. Researchers working in the field and/or interested in identifying opportunities and obstacles for dissemination and implementation research are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The goal of the conference is for the research community to exchange ideas, explore contemporary topics and identify concepts, methods and strategies to build research and organizational capacity for dissemination and implementation science. To stimulate conversation among researchers and experts in the field, the conference will include *Think Tanks and Affinity/Discussion Groups* in addition to more traditional Plenary Sessions, Concurrent Scientific Oral Presentations, and Poster Sessions. Sessions will be structured to encourage interaction and networking between participants. A half-day technical assistance workshop for researchers interested in responding to the current NIH Funding Opportunity Announcements will be held the afternoon of January 29, 2009.

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