

Building on the success of the NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Program (NIH-UDP) in diagnosing both known and novel disorders, the NIH is considering expanding the number of clinical sites capable of providing diagnoses to patients presenting with difficult to diagnose diseases. The NIH Common Fund is seeking input from the scientific community on a proposed national network of new Clinical Sites added to and building upon the NIH-UDP. As part of the planning process for a national network, a Request for Information (RFI) is now available to solicit input from the community on the need for such a program and the availability of current resources to meet this demand (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-RM-12-031.html>).

This webinar is intended to provide an overview of the planned program expansion with presentations from current NIH-UDP program staff, to be followed by an opportunity for feedback from meeting attendees. Feedback is particularly sought from the biomedical research and clinical care communities who might develop or utilize clinical programs in rare and undiagnosed disease. All participants will be asked to register when joining the webinar to help NIH determine the extent of research and clinical fields participating in the meeting. Attendees will be invited to comment on the proposed initiative with emphasis in four areas:

1. Need for a national undiagnosed disease network.
2. Program design
3. Existing or planned similar programs
4. Training programs

Date & Time: September 24, 2012 (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT)

Place: Weblink: The webinar meeting will be accessible at:
<https://webmeeting.nih.gov/udpfeedback/>

Audio-Only Participation is also available by telephone. The meeting presentation and discussion will be recorded.

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