



American Society of Human Genetics

ADVOCATE UPDATE

## Introducing the ASHG 2020 Government and Public Advocacy Committee



ASHG's [Government and Public Advocacy Committee](#) (GPAC) plays a key role in shaping the Society's policy and advocacy priorities and activities. The GPAC is chaired by Lynn Jorde, PhD of the University of Utah (pictured left).

Please visit the newly redesigned [ASHG website](#) and [Advocacy Center](#) to keep up with the Society's latest advocacy activities.

## ASHG & ACMG Joint Congressional Briefing Now Available for Viewing



*(L-R) Speakers Danny Miller; Gail Jarvik, MD, PhD, ASHG President-Elect; Bill Gahl MD, PhD; and John Phillips, III, MD at the first ASHG-ACMG Joint Congressional Briefing, September 26, 2019*

Last year, ASHG and the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) held their first joint congressional briefing on Capitol Hill. A [recording of the briefing](#), titled, "The Undiagnosed

Diseases Network (UDN): The Interface of Research and Clinical Care to Solve Medical Mysteries,” is now available. The briefing was sponsored by Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-IA).

Panelists:

- Gail Jarvik, MD, PhD, ASHG President-Elect 2021, University of Washington
- Bill Gahl, MD, PhD, Director of Undiagnosed Diseases Program, NHGRI
- John Phillips, III, MD, Principal Investigator, UDN Vanderbilt
- Danny Miller, MEPAN Foundation

## NIH's Budget Increased by 25% from 2013-2018

# U.S. Investments in Medical and Health Research and Development

2013 - 2018



Research!America recently released a report on "[U.S. Investments in Medical and Health Research and Development](#)." It reports that, between 2013 and 2018, federal investment in research and development (R&D) grew by 26.9%, and NIH's budget grew by 25%. While this upward trend is encouraging, the report also found that in 2018, the U.S. spent 26 times more on healthcare than federal biomedical R&D. Research!America offers a resource for advocates to find their [state's research funding and economic impact](#).

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