

## **AADOOCR and Friends of NIDCR 2022 Advocacy Day: Organization Asks**

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) and the Friends of National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (FNIDCR) urge Congress to prioritize funding for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Oral Health, and to establish and fund the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) in fiscal year 2023.

### **We have five “asks” for Members of Congress:**

- 1. Pass the FY 2022 omnibus spending package with robust increases for NIH and NIDCR.**
- 2. Support a funding level of \$558 million for NIDCR in FY 2023.**
- 3. Support a funding level of at least \$50 billion for NIH in FY 2023.**
- 4. Support a funding level of \$35 million for CDC's Division of Oral Health in FY 2023.**
- 5. Cosponsor H.R. 5585, the *ARPA-H Act*, or other legislation that authorizes and funds ARPA-H.**

The research and oral health programs supported by these federal agencies and the proposed ARPA-H enhance the knowledge base of health professionals, researchers, and policymakers with the goal of improving dental clinical practices, closing the gap in dental health disparities, and addressing public health challenges, including COVID-19, opioid use and pain, temporomandibular joint disorders (TMJDs), rising e-cigarette use among teens and young adults, and human papillomavirus (HPV)-positive oral cancers.

### **About AADOOCR**

AADOOCR, headquartered in Alexandria, VA, is a nonprofit organization with more than 3,000 members in the United States. Its mission is to (1) advance research and increase knowledge for the improvement of oral health; (2) support and represent the oral health research community; and (3) facilitate the communication and application of research findings. The AADOOCR is the largest Division of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). Learn more about AADOOCR online at [www.aadocr.org/about-aadocr](http://www.aadocr.org/about-aadocr).

### **About Friends of NIDCR**

The Friends of National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (FNIDCR) is a broad-based coalition of academic and research institutions, professional associations and foundations that champion NIDCR, the world's largest institution dedicated exclusively to research to improve dental, oral and craniofacial health. With programmatic activities operated out of AADOOCR, FNIDCR helps represent the interests of patients, researchers, educators, clinicians and students and the value they find in NIDCR and its critical research.