



Join the Congressional Personalized Medicine Caucus

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join the Congressional Personalized Medicine Caucus, a forum that seeks to engage Members in a constructive dialogue about legislative and regulatory policies that can help realize the full potential of personalized medicine.

Personalized medicine, also called precision or individualized medicine, is a rapidly advancing field in which physicians use diagnostic tests to identify specific biological characteristics that help determine which medical treatments and procedures will work best for each patient. By combining this information with an individual's medical records, taking into account social determinants of health and a patient's personal values, personalized medicine allows doctors and patients to develop targeted treatment and prevention plans.

The use of personalized medicine is intended to address a problem many have long recognized - that treatment and prevention strategies that help some patients are less effective for others, and that some medicines may cause side effects or adverse reactions in certain patients. Certain people may be more susceptible to particular conditions than others. All of this may be due to genetic or environmental factors, or both.

Certain challenges, however, have slowed the adoption of many new personalized medicine technologies. We believe proactive engagement from Congress would be helpful in understanding and fostering the science that is driving progress in personalized medicine. By harnessing this knowledge, we can better tailor policies that support the field's advancement so that we can make health care safer, fairer, more efficient, and more patient-centered.

If you would like to join the Congressional Personalized Medicine Caucus, please contact Andrew Ginsburg in Congressman Eric Swalwell's office at Andrew.Ginsburg@mail.house.gov or Ryan Altman in Congressman Tom Emmer's office at Ryan.Altman@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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