

## Letter From the President

Dear ACTS Colleagues,

Thanks to everyone for welcoming me as President of ACTS. I am impressed that our diverse constituencies share a passion for the spectrum of patient-oriented research. Our diversity that is visible e.g. gender, racial, ethnicity, and our diversity that is not visible e.g. cognitive, values, is our strength. Diversity with inclusion and equity is a means to success and places a great responsibility on each of us to be aware of opportunities and bias. Each of you is a leader who can make the impact of ACTS greater.



We have our vision set not on what is important now but what will be important in 2022-2024. New tools and new technologies utilized by diverse teams will address the health care and public health challenges we face, reducing disparities and improving the value of care.

As we work to fulfill our new [strategic plan](#) that directly addresses these goals, I encourage you to get involved in the ACTS. This is your opportunity to take advantage of our open [call for volunteers](#) to serve in various roles for ACTS. Our goals emphasize your engagement, the value in the partnerships with other organizations, industry, and patient advocacy groups, and ensuring that ACTS provides value to you via our annual meeting and other efforts. I will keep you updated on the progress as we ensure that the plan does not gather dust, but rather is a road map to invigorate the organization and reflect the passion that all of you bring to our work each day.

Frederick J. Meyers, MD, MACP  
President ACTS

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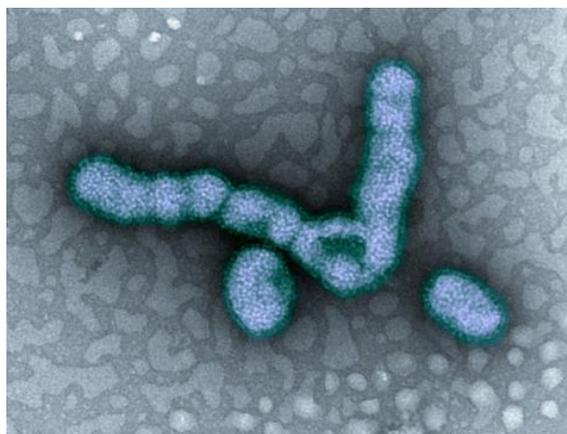
Following the release of the Administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget Request to Congress, department and agency heads have begun the annual ritual of appearing before the various appropriations subcommittees to discuss spending priorities. With the White House once again calling for deep cuts to all non-military programs, most of these hearings will devolve into partisan sniping and a public opportunity to highlight political differences.



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