



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

2020 STRATEGIC PLAN COMMENTS

NINDS Strategic Goal 3

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Create and sustain a supportive work culture for the NINDS work force and facilitate and reward analogous efforts in the outside neuroscience community.

On behalf of the Vestibular Disorders Association (VeDA), I would like to submit the following comments on your Strategic Plan.

You are to be commended for your goal to “promote the timely dissemination of accurate and rigorous information about scientific discoveries and their implications for neurological health.” Many vestibular disorders are central/neurological in origin (e.g. vestibular migraine). While we recognize that the National Institute of Deafness and Communications Disorders’ (NIDCD) mission encompasses vestibular disorders affecting the inner ear, research funding for central vestibular disorders often falls through the cracks. We encourage the NINDS not to neglect neuro-sensory disorders with a vestibular component, and to collaborate with other agencies, leveraging their respective resources, to ensure that these conditions are adequately addressed.

With respect,

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