

## Reducing Indirect Cost Will Slow Revolutionary Transplantation Innovations in Progress at Research Institutions

### AMERICA IS THE GLOBAL INNOVATOR IN TRANSPLANTATION, FOR NOW

- ◆ We are in the **Renaissance of Transplantation** with advances in immunology, bioengineering, and precision medicine poised to revolutionize the field.

However, revolutionary medical innovations depend on strong institutional support systems that are sustained through indirect costs.

- ◆ Reducing indirect cost would **undermine the very foundation of transplant research**, slowing progress, limiting novel therapies, and weakening our nation's leadership.
- ◆ Reducing indirect cost would **exacerbate differences** in investigator access to funding for transplantation research by disproportionately affecting institutions with fewer alternative funding sources, a serious threat to smaller and rural academic medical centers.

### INDIRECT COST FUNDS RESEARCH UNDERLYING BIOMEDICAL INNOVATION

- ◆ Reducing indirect cost would **erase the critical institutional infrastructure that is necessary for these high-impact studies.**
- ◆ Research in transplant immunology heavily depends on core laboratory services, biorepositories, and sophisticated imaging and computational platforms. These resources are **not directly funded by grants but are made available through institutional support that is sustained by indirect costs.**

### PROTECT US LEADERSHIP IN TRANSPLANTATION RESEARCH

We urge Congress to recognize the essential role of indirect costs in sustaining high-impact transplant research and to reject any proposals that would cut these funds.

Protecting indirect cost recovery is not just an investment in research infrastructure, it is an investment in the future of transplantation and the patients whose lives depend on continued scientific innovation.

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