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# Concept Clearance: Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Research Program Funding Announcements

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# ELSI Research Program Background

- Established in 1990
- Fosters research on implications of genetics and genomics for individuals, family and society
- Over 600 projects supported
- Diverse methodologies and disciplines
- Three standing Program Announcements (PA):
  - R01, R03, R21 (reissued every 3 years)
- Several ICs participate
- Current PAs expire September 2020

# Funding Announcement Type: PA vs. PAR

- PA=standard general interest FOA: PAR=PA with special receipt, referral, review criteria
- NIH policy discouraging Institute and Center (IC) specific PAs and encouraging “NOSI”s to ‘Parent’ PAs
- Issuance of Clinical Trial specific ‘Parent’ PAs
- Clinical Trial Optional PARs will enable 3 announcements rather than several NOSIs
- Facilitate participation of other NIH ICs
- PARs allow targeted review criteria

# ELSI PARs

- Reissue PAs as Clinical Trial Optional R01, R03 and R21 PARs
- Multidisciplinary, single or mixed methods
- Include conceptual and analytic approaches as well as qualitative and quantitative methods
- Tailored review criteria
- Online list of research topics reflecting strategic plan and emerging issues
- Solicit IC participation

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# Questions?

