

NEW NIH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Researchers receiving grant funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) should be aware that new requirements are in effect as of April 7, 2008. Principal investigators must ensure that all peer-reviewed research manuscripts accepted for publication on or after April 7 are deposited in PubMed Central (PMC), NIH's digital archive of journal literature. Beginning May 25, 2008, anyone submitting a grant application or progress report must include PMC or NIH Manuscript Submission record numbers when citing articles published as a result of their funding.

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NIH has prepared an FAQ on the new reporting requirements at <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/index.htm>

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