



# The NIH Public Access Requirement

*[short presentation]*

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# The Public Access Policy Is Now Mandatory

- The Policy implements Division G, Title II, Section 218 of PL 110-161 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008) which states:

*SEC. 218. The Director of the National Institutes of Health shall require that all investigators funded by the NIH submit or have submitted for them to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central an electronic version of their final, peer-reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication: Provided, That the NIH shall implement the public access policy in a manner consistent with copyright law.*

- NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-08-033

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-033.html>





# The Public Access Policy applies to any final manuscript that...

- **Is peer-reviewed;**
- **And, is accepted for publication in a journal on or after April 7, 2008;**
- **And, arises from:**
  - Any direct funding from an NIH grant or cooperative agreement active in Fiscal Year 2008 or beyond, or;
  - Any direct funding from an NIH contract signed on or after April 7, 2008, or;
  - Any direct funding from the NIH Intramural Program, or;
  - An NIH employee.





- **Address Copyright**
  - Institutions and investigators are responsible for ensuring full compliance with the Public Access Policy, including any copyright or other agreements are consistent with submitting to PMC.
- **Submit Manuscripts Upon Acceptance for Publication**
  - Some journals will fulfill the submission requirement for authors. [http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit\\_process\\_journals.htm](http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm)
  - For other journals:
    - Inform the journal of the Policy upon submission for publication.
    - Ensure copyright and other agreements comply with the Policy.
    - Submit the final peer-reviewed manuscript to NIH upon acceptance for publication. <http://nihms.nih.gov/>
- **Cite Article**
  - **Include the PMC number (PMCID)** for applicable articles in applications, proposals and reports





# NIH Public Access Policy Resources

- About the Public Access Policy:
  - <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/>
  - Guide notice: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-033.html>
- The NIH Manuscript Submission System
  - <http://www.nihms.nih.gov/>
  - Tutorials: <http://www.nihms.nih.gov/web-help/>
- PubMed Central:
  - <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>
  - PMC Demo: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Education/pmc/>

