

ASN to Comment on FDA Nutrition Innovation Strategy

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a public meeting entitled "[FDA's Comprehensive, Multi-Year Nutrition Innovation Strategy](#)." The purpose of the public meeting is to give interested persons an opportunity to comment on FDA's nutrition innovation strategy, including: a standard icon or symbol for the claim "healthy"; a more efficient review strategy for evaluating qualified health claims; statements or claims that could facilitate innovation to promote healthful eating patterns; approaches for modernizing standards of identity; possible changes that could make ingredient information more consumer friendly; and FDA's educational campaign for consumers about the updated Nutrition Facts Label that consumers will be seeing in the marketplace. The meeting will be held **July 26, 2018** from 8:30am-5:30pm ET in Rockville MD. Attendees are encouraged to [register online](#) to attend the meeting in person or via live webcast. Written comments are due **by August 27, 2018**. ASN plans to comment on the FDA Nutrition Innovation Strategy. Please share any input you may have to inform ASN comments with [Sarah Ohlhorst](#).

Examining Special Nutritional Requirements in Disease States Proceedings of a Workshop

ASN co-sponsored a National Academies April 2018 workshop exploring the evidence for special nutritional requirements in disease states and medical conditions that cannot be met with a normal diet. The workshop explored how these requirements may apply to the management of chronic or acute conditions or diseases that include inborn errors of metabolism, burns or surgical trauma, cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, traumatic brain injury, and other non-communicable diseases or medical conditions. Workshop sessions included discussions on the currently available evidence used to determine potential nutritional requirements that are not encompassed within normal population variation and how nutritional interventions affect the overall clinical management of diseases in terms of patient safety, efficacy and access. This [proceedings](#) provides a summary of the presentations and discussions that occurred at the workshop.

Science Breakthroughs to Advance Food and Agricultural Research by 2030

[Breakthroughs 2030: A Strategy for Food and Agricultural Research](#), a National Academies study ASN co-sponsored through Supporters of Agricultural Research (SoAR), will identify the greatest research opportunities in food and agricultural science. This report, which was released on July 18th, presents a compelling vision and rationale for additional investment in food and ag research. A [webinar](#) hosted by the National Academies featured a presentation and live Q&A by the co-chairs and two committee members of the report's authoring committee: John D. Floros, New Mexico State University (co-chair); Susan R. Wessler, NAS, University of California, Riverside (co-chair); Corrie Brown, University of Georgia; and Gregory V. Lowry, Carnegie Mellon University.