

NACC *Navigator*

Monthly news, updates, and information from the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center

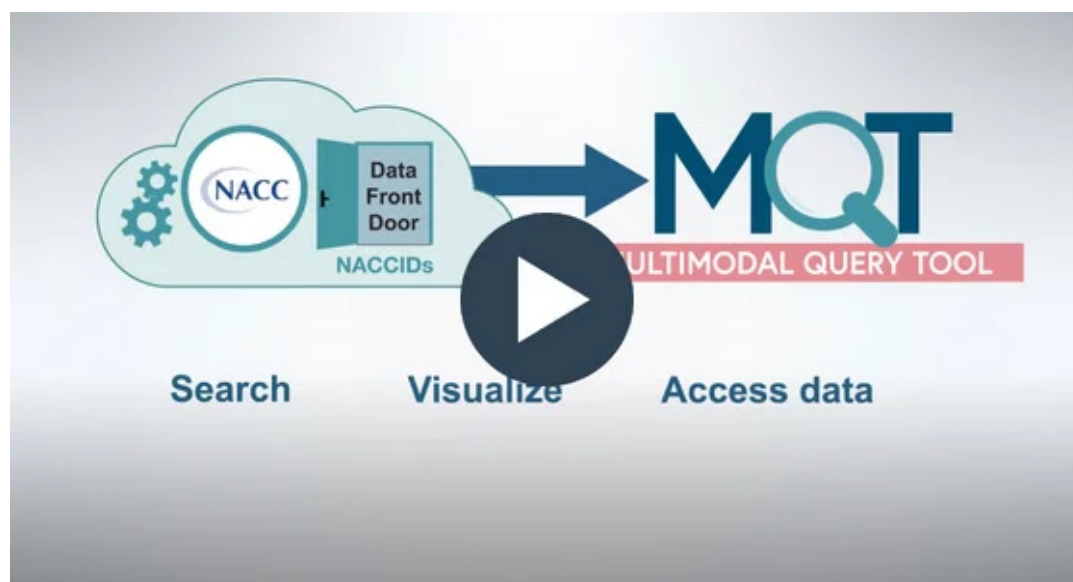
Dear Colleagues,

We are proud to announce the launch of NACC's monthly newsletter, the **NACC Navigator**! This newsletter will highlight exciting research using NACC data, funding opportunities, upcoming events and webinars, updates on NACC's projects, and will spotlight a different ADRC each month. We are grateful for your continued collaboration as we strive to advance discovery and translation in Alzheimer's disease and related dementia research.

We look forward to working with you all as we complete the transition to UDSv4, launch the Spanish and Chinese translations of the UDSv4 PDF forms, and fully enable data submission and processing through the modernized NACC Data Platform.

With gratitude,
The NACC Team

► *Spotlight*



Try the Multimodal Query Tool (MQT v1)!

NACC recently launched the MQT v1 prototype to the global research community through the NACC Data Front Door. Researchers can use the MQT v1 to:

- **Search, visualize, and access** integrated multimodal data on ADRC participants from NACC and partner repositories
- **Evaluate data fitness** for specific research questions
- **Monitor sample size** and key participant characteristics in real time
- **Generate a reproducible query record** to support manuscripts and data sharing

[Learn More](#)

[Try the Prototype](#)

Note: MQT v1 is a prototype release. Minor discrepancies may exist between searchable data in MQT and the most recent Quick Access File (QAF).

► Recent Research



A multinational team of researchers, led by **Vijaya Kolachalama, PhD, Boston University ADRC**, is using NACC data, along with several other Alzheimer's disease databases, to build an artificial intelligence model that could improve diagnosis and monitoring of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The team created their tool with the intention of creating an AI model that can assist neurologists manage the data available to them and reach more accurate diagnoses.

[Read More](#)

► *Funding Opportunities*

The Rainwater Charitable Foundation 2026 Tauopathy Challenge Workshop

Letter of Intent Deadline: September 2, 2025, 6 pm CT

The [Tauopathy Challenge Workshop](#) will focus on employing advanced biophysical and bioanalytical approaches to probe the structural and thermodynamic properties of tau protein, its modifications, and interactions with other pathologies.

- 12 participants will be selected through a Letter of Intent process to attend the workshop on January 26-28, 2026
- Workshop attendees will receive a \$10,000 grant for their full participation and be invited to submit a full proposal for up to \$500,000 in direct costs over two years (up to 4 grants will be awarded)
- Applications from researchers outside of the field of neurodegeneration are encouraged
- Special consideration will be given to early-career investigators

[Learn More and Apply](#)

NBER Center AD/ADRD Research Funding

Application Deadline: September 10, 2025 at 11:59 pm ET

The NBER Center offers two annual funding programs for economics research on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias, both due September 10, 2025 at 11:59 pm ET.

READ Awards provide up to \$200,000 for one-year projects (~5 grants annually, webinar August 21), while EC-READ Awards offer up to \$50,000 for early-career investigators conducting 1-2 year research (~5 grants annually, webinar August 20). Application materials and RFA documents are available online.

[Full Details](#)

Alzheimer's Insights AI Prize

Application Deadline: September 12, 2025 at 11:59 pm PT

Prize: \$1M prize for agentic AI solutions accelerating Alzheimer's research

The Alzheimer's Disease Data Initiative seeks visionary AI solutions that can plan, reason, and act autonomously to dramatically increase the pace, scale, and reach of ADRD research. With over 55 million people worldwide living with Alzheimer's and related dementias, this competition aims to harness AI for breakthrough acceleration in discovery and development.

[More Information](#)

BrightFocus Foundation FY26 Alzheimer's Disease Research Standard Award

Application Deadline: September 29, 2025 at 5 pm ET

Award: \$100,000/yr for up to 3 years (total \$300,000), starting July 1, 2026
BrightFocus seeks applications for Standard Awards supporting innovative Alzheimer's research by new/early investigators (MD, PhD, or equivalent within 12 years). The program prioritizes high-risk studies advancing disease understanding. Requires 7-page research plan, budget justification (no overhead), online submission. PI salary capped at 35%.

[Apply Today](#)

► Upcoming Events



Save the Date: 2025 Virtual Fall ADRC Meeting

Tuesday, October 21 - Thursday, October 23, 2025

Mark your calendars! The Fall ADRC Meeting will be held virtually from October 21–23, 2025. This three-day online event will bring together all ADRCs for engaging updates on the ADRC Program and the latest developments in the AD/ADRD field, plus valuable opportunities for collaboration and networking.

Registration information coming soon.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Add to Calendar

CLARiTI Webinar: Study Momentum & Metrics Update

Friday, September 5, 2025 • 12 - 1 pm ET | 9 - 10 am PT

Join us for a comprehensive webinar as we kick off the new grant year with an in-depth update on the CLARiTI study. In this session, we'll review key milestones, provide the latest enrollment updates, and showcase progress in study start-up, scan completion, and early data quality metrics. We'll also dive into the tactical execution of the study, exploring important details on budget management and the role of site subawards in the broader financial landscape. The session will conclude with an open Q&A, offering attendees a chance to ask questions and engage directly with the team.

Register Today

► *NACC Updates*

Update on UDSv4 Transition

UDSv4 was released in December 2024, and ADRCs were required to use UDSv4 for all English-speaking participants starting in June 2025. ADRCs are currently using the new ADRC Portal to submit and QC UDSv4 data.

The new NACCID process was released and became mandatory for all ADRCs in January 2025. This important process change is already showing positive results in NACC's multimodal data partnerships.

NACC continues to build additional functionality into the ADRC Portal and will release the following new features in 2025:

- October: View, audit, and access UDSv4 data
- November: Use the new ADRC Portal to submit Down syndrome module, Neuropathology, CLS, BDS, and Milestones forms
- December: Release of Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese versions of UDSv4 forms

Join the UDSv4 conversation on the ADRC Community Forum to keep posted on the latest changes.

UDSv3 to UDSv4 Crosswalk is Now Available!

Chad Murchison, PhD, and the team at the UAB ADRC compiled all the rules and mappings developed by the EDCS Requirements subgroup into a publicly available and comprehensive package of operational support for ADRCs to finalize their transition to UDSv4 while continuing to utilize UDSv3 data.

The README on the Github site includes details on scope and usage for four main components:

- Generation of JSON files
- Crosswalk Parser
- Dictionary Comparison
- Crosswalk Updater

[See Repository on Github](#)

Huge thanks to the UAB ADRC and the EDCS Requirements subgroup for producing this critical support documentation!

► **ADRC/CORE Spotlight**



Sanders-Brown is Investing in a Cure

Each month, NACC will spotlight exciting work, staff, and initiatives happening at an ADRC. We would love to highlight yours! Reach out to us with ideas for

featured content about your Center!

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