

# 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Literature Selection Technical Review Committee

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Health and Human Services	2025
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee	910

<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	11/01/2024	11/01/2026	

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	2025 Secretary Directive	04/01/2025

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Authorized by Law

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)	11/04/1985	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 1 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

## Meetings and Dates

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
Program Advisory	10/24/2024	- 10/25/2024

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$136,965.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$2,300.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$145,265.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.70	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee reviewed journals that had applied to be indexed in MEDLINE and made recommendations to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) regarding their scientific quality. The Committee evaluated journals based on 5 critical elements as described on the Journal Selection for MEDLINE page:

[https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline\\_journal\\_selection.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline_journal_selection.html).

Final statistics regarding MEDLINE journal selection are available publicly:

[https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline\\_statistics.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline_statistics.html).

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Committee consisted of members from authorities knowledgeable in the various disciplines and fields relating to biomedicine and scholarly communication, such as physicians, researchers, educators, editors, health science librarians, and historians.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee met once in FY2025 (October 24-25, 2024) to review and recommend journals for inclusion in MEDLINE.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Per "2025 Secretary Directive" this FACA Committee has been terminated.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The meeting of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee was closed to the public for the review and discussion of individual journals for potential inclusion in the NLM publications database. The presence of individuals associated with individual journals could hinder fair and open discussion and evaluation by Committee members, and the meetings were, therefore, closed under Section 552(c)(9)(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

## 21. Remarks

Termination determined through a directive by HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. in response to Executive Order 14217, Commencing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy.

Committee Function: Other - Journal Review. The Committee Decision Maker and Designated Federal Official were the same individual based on assigned duties within NLM. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports. Dr. Erik Black resigned from the committee on 10/24/2024 and did not complete his appointed term.

### Designated Federal Officer

DIANNE BABSKI ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,  
USER SERVICES AND COLLECTIONS  
DIVISION, NLM

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
ADAMS NEWMAN, ERIKA	07/01/2021	03/31/2025	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SURGERY, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ALCANTAR, NORMA	07/01/2022	03/31/2025	PROFESSOR, DEPT. OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ARANY, PRAVEEN	07/01/2022	03/31/2025	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ORAL BIOLOGY, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BAPTISTE, DIANA-LYN	07/01/2023	03/31/2025	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CENTER FOR CARDIOVASCULAR AND CHRONIC CARE, JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF NURSING	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

BLACK, ERIK	07/01/2022	10/24/2024	PROFESSOR, DEPT. OF PEDIATRICS AND EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DIBARTOLA, STEPHEN	07/01/2021	03/31/2025	EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ELDREDGE, JONATHAN	07/01/2021	03/31/2025	PROFESSOR, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GARBUZENKO, OLGA	07/01/2024	03/31/2025	RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPT. OF PHARMACEUTICS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SHARMA, NUTAN	07/01/2021	03/31/2025	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY, MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SOSA, JULIE	07/01/2022	03/31/2025	CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
STEINER, STEVEN	07/01/2024	03/31/2025	PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS, RILEY HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, INDIANA UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WALTER, JENNIFER	07/01/2024	03/31/2025	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS & MEDICAL ETHICS, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WANG, WEIQUN	07/01/2023	03/31/2025	PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR, GRADUATE PROGRAM, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

YOUNG,  
HENRY

07/01/2020 03/31/2025

ASSOCIATE  
PROFESSOR OF  
CLINICAL  
PHARMACY,  
UNIVERSITY OF  
GEORGIA  
Special  
Government  
Employee  
(SGE)  
Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 14**

**Narrative Description**

The Literature Selection Technical Review Committee supported the agency's mission by reviewing journals and providing recommendations as whether they should be indexed and included in MEDLINE. The Committee's recommendation was based on a journal's scientific content, quality, importance, editorial policies, and subject matter. The Committee evaluated journals based on 5 critical elements as described on the Journal Selection for MEDLINE webpage:

[https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline\\_journal\\_selection.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline_journal_selection.html)

NIH's mission was to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. NIH worked toward that mission by supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad. Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary ...shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of (A) applications...; and (B) biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts...

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction

- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

Journal review for indexing in MEDLINE and Index Medicus.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

2,329

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Committee reviewed a total of 39 journals in FY 2025 that passed the initial application screening stage. Final statistics regarding MEDLINE journal selection are available publicly from: [https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline\\_statistics.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline_statistics.html).

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The percentage of recommendations implemented stated above was developed at the

time the Annual Comprehensive Review report was prepared. Final statistics regarding MEDLINE journal selection are available publicly from:  
[https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline\\_statistics.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline_statistics.html).

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

There are no journals that are partially implemented.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The committee reviewed and recommended to the NLM Director journals for inclusion in MEDLINE. The public may obtain information at the following webpage:

[https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline\\_journal\\_selection.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medline/medline_journal_selection.html) for more information.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

Based on number of journals indexed and possible addition of resources to handle additional workload.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

### **Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**

Contact the National Library of Medicine Committee Management Office.