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## HHMI Scientists Elected to Institute of Medicine

Eight Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) investigators have been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) was established in 1970 by the National Academy of Sciences to honor professional achievement in the health sciences and to serve as a national resource for independent analysis and recommendations on issues related to medicine, biomedical sciences, and health.

"It is a great pleasure to welcome these distinguished and accomplished individuals to the Institute of Medicine," said IOM President Harvey V. Fineberg. "Each of these new members stands out as a professional whose research, knowledge, and skills have significantly advanced health and medicine and who has served as a model for others. The Institute of Medicine is greatly enriched by the addition of our newly elected colleagues."

Current active IOM members elect new members from a slate of candidates nominated for their professional achievement and commitment to service. A diversity of talent among members is assured by the Institute's charter, which requires that at least one-quarter be selected from fields outside the health professions — such as the natural, social and behavioral sciences; law; engineering; and the humanities.

The newly elected members raise IOM's total active membership to 1,610 and the number of foreign associates to 93. With an additional 75 members holding emeritus status, IOM's total membership is 1,778.

The HHMI investigators newly elected to the Institute of Medicine are:

**Kristi S. Anseth** University of Colorado, Boulder

**Patrick O. Brown** Stanford University School of Medicine

**Arul M. Chinnaiyan** University of Michigan

**Daniel A. Haber** Massachusetts General Hospital

**Tyler E. Jacks** Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Michel C. Nussenzweig** The Rockefeller University

**Amita Sehgal** University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

**Bruce D. Walker** Massachusetts General Hospital