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Grant Acknowledgement FAQs

1. What is the specific information I need to include in my release?

We are asking that you include the following in your release:

- The research was funded by the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health
- Any grant numbers related to the research, including the Cancer Center Support Grant number (CCSG). If you are not familiar with your CCSG number, let us know and we will tell you what it is.

2. How should PIOs handle the grant acknowledgement if a study was funded by many different grants?

If you feel you have too many grant numbers to comfortably include in a release, you can email the URL of the release and the associated list of grant numbers to Shannon Hatch (shannon.hatch@nih.gov) and Allison Eckhardt (allison.eckhardt@nih.gov).

3. In what format should the grant number be written?

The grant number should be a two-letter code followed by six digits. Different NIH institutes have different letter codes. **NCI grants will look like this: CA123456.** There might be numbers or letters in front of or behind the grant number – these distinguish award years and other information. We do not need anything but the two-letter, six-digit code.

4. Can NIH provide a template sentence that we can use at the end of our press releases?

The project described was supported (in part) by grant number(s) CA123456 and CA654321 (CCSG) from the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health.

5. Will including grant numbers in releases automatically link the release to Reporter?

No, including the grant number will ***not*** automatically link the release with the RePORTER system. We are currently using RSS feeds and other methods to capture your release and then submitting them to the system. We are working on developing other, less labor-intensive methods.

6. I don't think that my releases are being picked up. What can I do to make sure you see them?

You can always send us your releases! We love to hear from you and don't mind getting them from several different sources.

7. When should I expect to see my release linked to RePORTER?

You can expect to see your release linked in the RePORTER system two to three weeks after you post or submit it.

8. What happens if I have a release that is NIH funded, but not NCI?

Every institute at NIH is responsible for making sure the releases for their grants are linked to RePORTER. We are piloting a few methods to streamline the process across NIH, but right now NCI can only process releases for NCI grants.

9. How will including the grant number help the public better understand the link between funding and findings?

Including the funding agency in your release is a giant step towards being transparent about where money for research comes from. The main goal of including grant numbers is connecting your writing – which explains the project and findings in a way people can understand- with our records. Journalists, policy makers and the public look at our database, but may not understand the project descriptions because they are too technical. Your releases are a great way to make the information accessible to them.

If you have other questions, please contact Shannon P. Hatch at Shannon.hatch@nih.gov or Allison Eckhardt at Allison.eckhardt@nih.gov.