

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

## **Genes, Environment, and Health Initiative: Translating Whole Genome Association Data into Clinical Practice**

Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
March 10-11, 2008

### **Logistics**

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#### **Arrangements**

Travel arrangements are your own responsibility, but you should know that three airports serve the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. Please make your own hotel reservations.

Should you decide to extend your stay to take advantage of lower fares, DC-area attractions are only a short stop away from any of the suggested hotels.

Hotel and travel information is listed below.

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#### **Visitor Information**

Natcher Conference Center is located in Building 45 on the NIH Campus. For a map, general information, and directions to and around the NIH Campus, visit [http://parking.nih.gov/visitor\\_access\\_map.htm](http://parking.nih.gov/visitor_access_map.htm).

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#### **NIH Security**

The NIH, like all Federal government facilities, has instituted security measures to ensure the safety of NIH employees, patients, and visitors. The national threat advisory level, determined by the Department of Homeland Security (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/homeland/>), currently is yellow (elevated).

#### **Perimeter Security**

All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel and airport shuttles, delivery trucks, and vans will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one (1) form of identification (a government-issued photo ID: driver's license, passport, green card, etc.) and to state the purpose of their visit. **Be sure to allow extra time for this vehicle inspection procedure.**

#### **Building Security**

Due to the checking of IDs at the perimeter, employees and visitors will not be required to show their ID again to gain access to the majority of buildings on the NIH Campus during the normal business day.

Employees and visitors should continue to wear their identification prominently at all times while on campus.

Guards will remain at certain buildings to address specific program requirements, such as sensitive research and safety concerns. At building entrances where guards are posted:

- Employees must show a DHHS-issued photo ID (for example, your NIH-issued ID badge).
- Visitors may be required to log-in, wear a visitor's pass, and be escorted by an employee through the building.
- Visitors may be required to pass through a metal detector and have bags, backpacks, or purses inspected or x-rayed as they enter buildings.
- Security staff will confiscate any suspicious or potentially dangerous materials. U.S. code prohibits bringing any dangerous weapons onto Federal property, including anything with a blade longer than 2½ inches. Meeting participants may want to leave extra bags or personal materials at their hotel to minimize the time needed for inspection.

### **Weekday Campus Access**

Visitors, including patients, contractors, and vendors: All visitors, including patients, contractors, vendors, and delivery persons, must use the following entrances (see the Visitor Map at [http://parking.nih.gov/visitor\\_access\\_map.htm](http://parking.nih.gov/visitor_access_map.htm)):

- **Rockville Pike at South Drive (Metro):** Regular weekday schedule: Open 24 hours for inbound and outbound traffic
  - **Old Georgetown Road at Center Drive:** *(This entrance is primarily for commercial vehicles and visitors.)*  
*Regular weekday schedule:*  
 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Inbound traffic only  
 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Inbound and outbound traffic  
 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. - Closed to all traffic
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### **Hotel Reservations**

The following hotels provide lodging that is easily accessible by either Metro, shuttle bus, or within a short walk of the NIH Campus.

Bethesda Marriott Hotel  
 5151 Pooks Hill Road  
 Bethesda, MD 20814  
 P: 301-897-9400 or 1-800-228-9290  
 F: 301-897-0192

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center  
 5701 Marinelli Road  
 North Bethesda, MD 20852  
 P: 301-822-9200 or 1-800-228-9290  
 F: 301-822-9201

Hilton Executive Conference Center  
 1750 Rockville Pike  
 Rockville, MD 20852  
 P: 301-468-1100 or 1-800-HILTONS  
 F: 301-468-0308

Hyatt Regency Bethesda  
 One Bethesda Metro Center  
 Bethesda, MD 20814

P: 301-657-1234 or 1-800-633-7313  
F: 301-657-6453

DoubleTree Hotel  
8120 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814  
P: 301-652-2000 or 1-800-222-TREE  
F: 301-652-4525

American Inn of Bethesda  
8130 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
P: 301-656-9300 or 1-800-232-7081  
F: 301-656-2907

Residence Inn  
7335 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
P: 301-718-0200 or 1-800-228-9290  
F: 301-718-0679

Rockville Ramada Inn  
1775 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland 20852  
P: 301-881-2300 or 1-800-272-6232  
F: 301-881-9047

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## **Metro**

The Metro system is clean, reliable, and safe. It operates from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight on Monday through Thursday; 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. on Fridays; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. on Saturdays; and 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight on Sundays. Each passenger must purchase a farecard to travel in the system. Instructions for purchasing farecards are posted on the vending machines in each station. Each Metro car features a complete color-coded map of the system. Station attendants on duty at each station can provide additional information on request. From Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, a cost-effective way to travel to the hotel is by using the Metrorail system. A map of the system is available at: <http://www.wmata.com/metrorail/systemmap.cfm>. The hotels listed above are within walking distance of a Metro stop.

From the Airport station, take the Yellow Line toward Mt. Vernon Square. At the Gallery/Chinatown stop, transfer to the Red Line toward Shady Grove. If you are staying at the Holiday Inn or the American Inn, get off at the Medical Center stop. If you are staying at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, get off at the Bethesda stop. All of the hotels listed are within walking (or hotel shuttle) distance from a Metro stop.

Bethesda Station – Hyatt Regency, Residence Inn  
Medical Center Station – American Inn, Holiday Inn, Bethesda Marriott (call for hotel shuttle)  
White Flint Station – Bethesda Marriott North Hotel and Conference Center  
Twin Brook – Hilton and Ramada

## **SuperShuttle**

SuperShuttle offers service to most hotels from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Washington Dulles International Airport, and Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. The shuttle leaves on an as-needed basis between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. During

other times, arrangements for a shuttle can be made by calling 1-800-258-3826 from the airport, or visit their Web site at <http://supershuttle.com>.

**Taxi**

The taxi fare is approximately \$45-\$50 from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, approximately \$55-\$65 from Washington Dulles International Airport, and approximately \$55-\$65 from Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. Fares may differ during peak travel hours.

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**Parking**

Parking is limited and is \$12 per day in the visitor lots on the NIH campus.