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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Status and Future of Acupuncture Research: 10 years post-NIH Consensus Conference

When: November 8 - 11, 2007

Where: University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

Why: Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the 1997 NIH Consensus Conference on Acupuncture, review the past decade of acupuncture research and discuss the challenges and opportunities for future research.

Target audience: Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (AOM) research community; practitioners and students of AOM; biomedical researchers; healthcare policy analysts

Specific Aims:

1. Critically evaluate, synthesize, and disseminate the state of the evidence regarding efficacy, safety, and mechanisms of acupuncture for specific indications as defined in the 1997 NIH Consensus Statement as well as new indications that have been documented in systematic reviews and clinical trials during the last ten years.
2. Provide an international forum for Oriental medicine researchers, practitioners, and policy makers – intentionally sited near the National Institutes of Health – to rigorously assess and strengthen the acupuncture evidence base and stimulate collaborations that will drive future research.
3. Provide unique learning and networking opportunities for those new to AOM research, e.g. biomedical researchers and providers, OM college faculty, administrators and students.