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A Message from Dr. Cashion

This message is to let you know that I am retiring from federal service and returning to my family in Tennessee. September 30 will be my last day at NINR. I will miss this Institute a great deal, along with all my colleagues and friends both at NINR and in the community. However, a year ago I made a commitment to my family, and it's time for me to go home.

For the past 8 years, I have had the privilege of being part of an extraordinary team here at the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). In that time, I served first as a senior advisor to the NINR Director, and then as the Scientific Director of our outstanding [intramural research program](#). For the past year, I have had the honor of serving as the NINR Acting Director, where I've seen first-hand the dedication and talent that all of you in the nursing science community bring to your work to improve the lives of so many.

I had hoped that my retirement would coincide with the arrival of a new permanent NINR Director. However, as many of you know, that was not meant to be. NIH soon will be re-opening the search for a new permanent Director of NINR. I am grateful to NIH leadership for ensuring that the new director is the very best fit for NINR. In the meantime, I'm very pleased to announce that upon my departure, NIH Principal Deputy Director [Lawrence A. Tabak, DDS, PhD](#), will become the Acting Director of NINR. Dr. Tabak's contributions to NIH, first as the Director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, and as the NIH Principal Deputy Director since 2010, are far too numerous to list here. Dr. Tabak has been a true friend of our Institute for many years, and I know that NINR will be in good hands until a new Director is named.

I am also pleased to announce that NIH Associate Deputy Director [Tara A. Schwetz, PhD](#) will become the NINR Acting Deputy Director, effective August 26, managing the day-to-day operations of the Institute during this transition period. Fortunately for us, Dr. Schwetz is already familiar with NINR, having begun her NIH career as a AAAS science policy fellow in our Division of Science Policy and Public Liaison. Dr. Schwetz brings a wealth of leadership experience to NINR, and we are fortunate that she will be with us during this period of transition.

In addition, following my departure, NINR Deputy Scientific Director [Jessica Gill, PhD, RN, FAAN](#), will serve as the acting NINR Scientific Director. I’m grateful to Dr. Gill for her willingness to take on this role, and I am confident that she will do a fantastic job.

I truly appreciate all the support I have received during my time at NINR. I am always inspired by the accomplishments of the nursing science community, and I know that our science will continue to thrive and improve the lives of many individuals and families for decades to come.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ann K. Cashion, PhD, RN, FAAN
NINR Acting Director and Scientific Director

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