



Easy Read Edition

Autism Research and the IACC: Your Voice Matters!

**Part 8: Where and when should I
write a public comment?**

Words to Know in Part 8



Public comments

Ideas people send to the government. People tell the government what they think the government should do.



Research

A way that people learn new things about the world. Research happens when people try to answer questions or solve problems.



The IACC

A group of people chosen by the government. They help decide what autism research the government will pay for. IACC stands for “Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee”.

Where and when should I write a public comment?



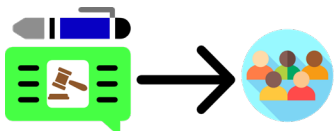
You can send a public comment over email to IACCPublicInquiries@mail.nih.gov



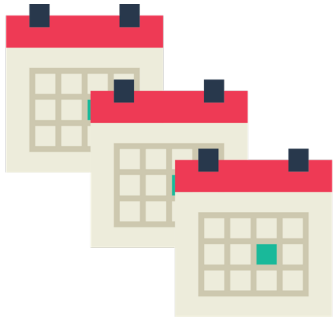
You can also send it through the IACC website at <https://iacc.hhs.gov/meetings/public-comments/submit/index.jsp>



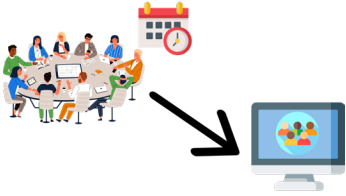
You can send in a public comment any time.



It will get given to the IACC members at their next meeting.



Remember, the IACC has meetings every 3 months.



They post when the meetings happen on the IACC website.

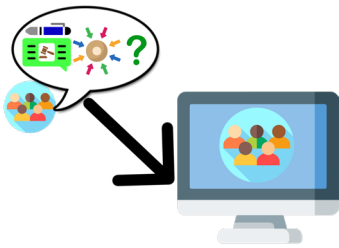
Sometimes, the IACC will ask for public comments about something specific.



They might ask about a certain research project or kind of autism research.



The IACC will post chances to make public comments like these on their website.



You only have a short time to send in comments like these.



The deadline will also be posted on the IACC website.





Be sure to check when the deadline is, and send your public comment in time!



Autism groups also post about the IACC on their websites or social media.



ASAN posts about the IACC at <https://autisticadvocacy.org/tag/iacc/>



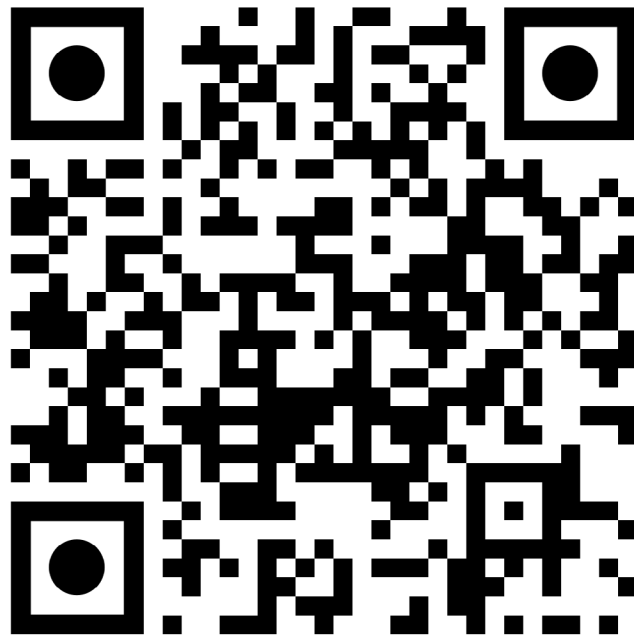
You can follow this page to find out when to send in public comments.



The page also has ideas for what you can write to the IACC about.

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[www.surveymonkey.com/r/
ASANresource](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ASANresource)
