

## Directions to the NIH

### Ground Transportation from Local Airports

- **From Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI)**  
Take the Baltimore-Washington Parkway south toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway), head west toward Silver Spring/Bethesda. From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34 which is Rt. 355 (Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike) and head south toward Washington/Bethesda. Pass South Drive and turn right at NIH Gateway Drive.
- **From Dulles International Airport**  
Head east on the Dulles Airport Access Road for approximately 13 miles. Exit onto I-495 (Capital Beltway), heading north to Bethesda/Baltimore. From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34 which is Rt. 355 (Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike) and head south toward Washington/Bethesda. Pass South Drive and turn right at NIH Gateway Drive.
- **From Ronald Reagan National Airport**  
Head North on the George Washington Parkway for approximately 12 miles. Exit onto I-495 (Capital Beltway), heading north to Maryland. From the Beltway (I-495), go approximately 7 miles, then take Exit 34, Rt. 355 (Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike) and head South toward Washington/Bethesda. Pass South Drive and turn right at NIH Gateway Drive.

### Driving Directions

- **From Baltimore and All Points North of Washington, DC**  
Take I-95 south toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway), head west toward Silver Spring/Bethesda. From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34 which is Rt. 355 (Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike) and head south toward Washington/Bethesda. Pass South Drive and turn right at NIH Gateway Drive.
- **From Virginia and All Points South of Washington, DC**  
Take I-95 north toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway), head north toward Silver Spring/Bethesda. From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34 which is Rt. 355 (Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike) and head south toward Washington/Bethesda. Pass South Drive and turn right at NIH Gateway Drive.

### Public Transportation:

Metrorail service is available from Washington's National Airport and from Union Station (railway). Take Metro's Red Line to the **Medical Center Station**. The station's escalators come out on the NIH campus.

## **Security at the NIH**

### **Visitor Gateway Center**

All individuals whether arriving via metro, on foot or by car are required to proceed to the visitor gateway center for security screening through the visitor gateway center. Taxi cabs are excluded (see below).

Visitors will be required 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. Please allow up to 30 minutes for screening process.

[The NIH Gateway Center](#) is located adjacent to the Medical Center Metro Station at the South Drive entrance to campus from Rockville Pike/Wisconsin Avenue (Route 355). It combines visitor parking, non-commercial vehicle inspection and visitor ID processing, all in one location. The NIH will process all visitors in vehicles or as pedestrians.

### **Pedestrians**

Gateway Center (for Pedestrians) - Building 66: For individuals arriving as pedestrians, the Gateway Center (Building 66) is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, capable of handling single individuals to large busloads of visitors, quickly and efficiently.

### **Vehicles**

For visitors arriving in vehicles, on motorcycles or bicycles, the Gateway Vehicle Inspection Station (Building 66A), provides multiple inspection lanes and allows visitors to go through inspection and get a visitor badge in one centralized, efficient process. Vehicles enter the Gateway Center complex through a new roadway, "NIH Gateway Drive," just south of the intersection of the previous visitor entrance at South Drive and Rockville Pike. (See Gateway Map: <http://parking.nih.gov/Gateway.htm>)

### **Taxi Cab:**

For visitors arriving via taxi, the taxi will be required to go through vehicle inspection and driver and occupants will proceed with screening inside the vehicle. You will no longer need to go through security screening at the visitor gateway center, and may proceed straight to Building 45.

### **Gateway Center Vehicle Inspection (Building 66A):**

Monday - Friday, 5am - 10pm  
Saturday - Sunday, 6am - 6pm

## Parking Information

Visitor Parking is *extremely difficult* to find at NIH, so if at all possible, take public transportation. There is a Metro station (“**Medical Center**” on the **Red line**) on the NIH campus with shuttle bus service to the main buildings. Short-term, metered parking and long term, attendant-controlled parking (MLP-11) are available to visitors at a cost of \$2 per hour for the first three hours or \$12 per day. For meeting attendees, designated visitor parking is available in **MLP-11** (attached to the visitor center) is the most efficient option. You will not be required to have your vehicle inspected if you park here and then proceed to visitor gateway center.

## Directions to Natcher-Building 45 from NIH’s Visitor Gateway Center

From the visitor gateway center, please take the elevator or stairs up one floor and follow exit signs and pedestrian path to Natcher- Building 45, located to your left as you exit the visitor gateway center. The conference will be taking place in rooms E2 on the bottom level.

