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## **Nutrition Research Priorities: Increasing Discovery, Improving Health Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q. What are the Nutrition Research Priorities?**

A. The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) identified six urgent Nutrition Research Priorities whose advancement will have substantial impacts on global health and well-being. These research priorities require interdisciplinary collaboration to drive the innovations that will solve issues that touch us all, including food security and childhood obesity. ASN also identified five tools which are essential to advance these cutting-edge, translatable nutrition research areas.

### **Q. How were the Nutrition Research Priorities developed?**

A. The Nutrition Research Priorities are the result of a three-year process undertaken by ASN. The process included initial outreach to 75 global thought leaders, a multidisciplinary eight-member expert panel, discussions at the 2011 and 2012 ASN Annual Meetings, additional outreach to ASN members, and finalization by the ASN Board of Directors.

### **Q. Why were they developed?**

A. In this time of dwindling resources and competing priorities, the Nutrition Research Priorities provide a focus for future research that can positively impact health. The Nutrition Research Priorities cover the entire scope of nutrition science and focus on providing solutions to a wide array of health-related issues, rather than just one issue in particular.

### **Q. How will the Nutrition Research Priorities be disseminated?**

A. ASN has disseminated the Nutrition Research Priorities to nutrition scientists and researchers, policymakers, and healthcare professionals and other stakeholders through a number of means, including an article published in all ASN journals, a Congressional briefing, scientific symposia, social media, and more.

### **Q. How will the Nutrition Research Priorities be updated?**

A. ASN plans to update the Nutrition Research Priorities at least every 10 years through a similar, inclusive approach.

### **Q. How can individuals be involved and find out more about the Nutrition Research Priorities?**

A. Learn more at [www.nutrition.org/researchagenda](http://www.nutrition.org/researchagenda) or contact [sohlhorst@nutrition.org](mailto:sohlhorst@nutrition.org) to share your input. ASN would like to learn how the Nutrition Research Priorities influence your work. Are you conducting cutting-edge research in a Nutrition Research Priority area? What other nutrition research areas do you think need immediate attention?