DRI Research Synthesis

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U.S. & Canadian Members
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- Health Canada

DRI Research Synthesis
- Federal sponsor initiated contract – both U.S. and Canadian sponsors
- For this project, a new collaborative process initiated between U.S. & Canadian governments and between federal sponsors and NAS’s, Institute of Medicine
- Aim to ensure that federal program needs are met...while incorporating the independence afforded by NAS.
**Goals: DRI Research Synthesis**
- To identify DRI research gaps
- To collate a searchable database of the DRI research recommendations
- To evaluate the current relevance of these research recommendations
- To use the information to inform the federal research planning process
- To stimulate needed research to underpin future revisions of the DRIs

**Next Steps**
- Research recommendations database
  - “Living Database”
  - Link Database to federal research portfolios
  - Maintenance of the database??
- Workshop. IOM summary report by Oct. 2006
- Funding. Efforts are needed to ensure funding for this research.

**Cross-Cutting Research Needs**
- Food & Dietary Supplement composition databases
- Dietary intake & physical activity methodology
- Biomarkers of exposure
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