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Dr. Patterson is Director of the NIH Program on Clinical Research Policy Analysis and Coordination (CRpac) and Director of the Office of Biotechnology Activities (OBA), both within the Office of Science Policy, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH). In the first capacity, she leads a program under the NIH Roadmap to provide a focal point for streamlining, coordinating, and harmonizing Federal policies concerning the conduct and oversight of clinical research. Working closely with other Federal agencies supporting clinical research, the CRpac Program finds opportunities and develops specific initiatives to optimize policies concerning adverse event reporting, clinical trials monitoring, models of institutional review board review, and clinical trial design, among others. In directing the OBA, Dr. Patterson oversees the management of several programs concerned with science, safety, and ethics in a number of critical fields of biomedical research. These programs address recombinant DNA research (including human gene transfer), genetic technologies, and “dual use” research. In addition to her management responsibilities as Director of OBA and the CRpac Program, she is on the clinical staff at the NIH Clinical Center and maintains an active basic research program at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

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