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Richard J. Hodes, M.D., is the Director of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Hodes, a leading researcher in the field of immunology, was named to head the NIA in 1993. Dr. Hodes has devoted his tenure to the development of a strong, diverse, and balanced research program, focusing on the genetics and biology of aging, basic and clinical studies aimed at reducing disease and disability; age-related cognitive change; and investigations of the behavioral and social aspects of aging.

Dr. Hodes also directs the Federal effort to find effective ways to treat or prevent Alzheimer's disease and improve care for those living with dementia. Cutting edge research conducted and supported by the NIA, often in collaboration across institutes at the NIH, has helped to revolutionize the way we think about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Studies in genetics, basic mechanisms, imaging, and biomarkers have spurred the development of potential therapies aimed at a variety of targets and the testing of interventions at the earliest signs of disease.

A graduate of Yale University, Dr. Hodes received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School. He completed training in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and in Oncology at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Hodes has authored more than 250 research papers and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the National Academy of Medicine.