# National institute of health

• The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the primary agency of the <u>United States government</u> responsible for <u>biomedical</u> and <u>public health</u>.

- It was founded in the late 1870s and is now part of the <u>United</u>
  <u>States Department of Health and Human Services</u>
- The majority of NIH facilities are located in <a href="Bethesda">Bethesda</a>, <a href="Maryland">Maryland</a>

## Research

• NIH devotes 10% of its funding to research within its own facilities (intramural research), and gives >80% of its funding in <u>research grants</u> to extramural (outside) researchers. Of this extramural funding, a certain percentage (2.8% in 2014) must be granted to small businesses under the <u>SBIR/STTR</u> program.

On February 13, 2012, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced a new group of individuals assigned to research pain. This committee is composed of researchers from different organizations and will focus to "coordinate pain research activities across the federal government with the goals of stimulating pain research collaboration

## Funding

 To allocate funds, the NIH must first obtain its budget from Congress. This process begins with institute and center (IC) leaders collaborating with scientists to determine the most important and promising research areas within their fields.

1938	0.5
1940	0.7
1945	2.8
1950	52.7
1955	81.2
1960	399.4
1965	959.2
1970	1,061.0
1975	2,092.9
1980	3,428.9
1985	5,149.5
1990	7,567.4
1995	11,299.5
2000	17,840.5
2005	28,594.4
2010	31,238.0
2015	30,311.4
2016	32,311.4
2017	34,300.9
2018	37,311.3

## Contribution

The NIH comprises <u>27 separate institutes and centers</u> of different biomedical disciplines and is responsible for many scientific accomplishments, including the discovery of fluoride to prevent <u>tooth decay</u>, the use of <u>lithium</u> to manage <u>bipolar</u> <u>disorder</u>, and the creation of <u>vaccines</u> against <u>hepatitis</u>, <u>Haemophilus influenzae</u> (HIB), and <u>human papillomavirus</u> (HPV).

## Achievement

The Division of Computer Research and Technology turns 30 this month--three momentous decades that have seen the NIH campus progress from manual typewriters and punchcard data entry to computations that reveal the mechanisms of action for drugs, proteins, and nucleic acids, and which have included substantial advances in clinical research and medical practice.