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# AHRQ's Mission

Improve the quality, safety, efficiency  
and effectiveness of health care for all  
Americans



# AHRQ: Strategic Redirection

## Accelerating the Pace of Innovation

- ***Ensuring Value*** through More Informed Choice
- ***Assessing*** Innovation ***Faster***
- ***Implementing*** Effective Interventions ***Sooner***

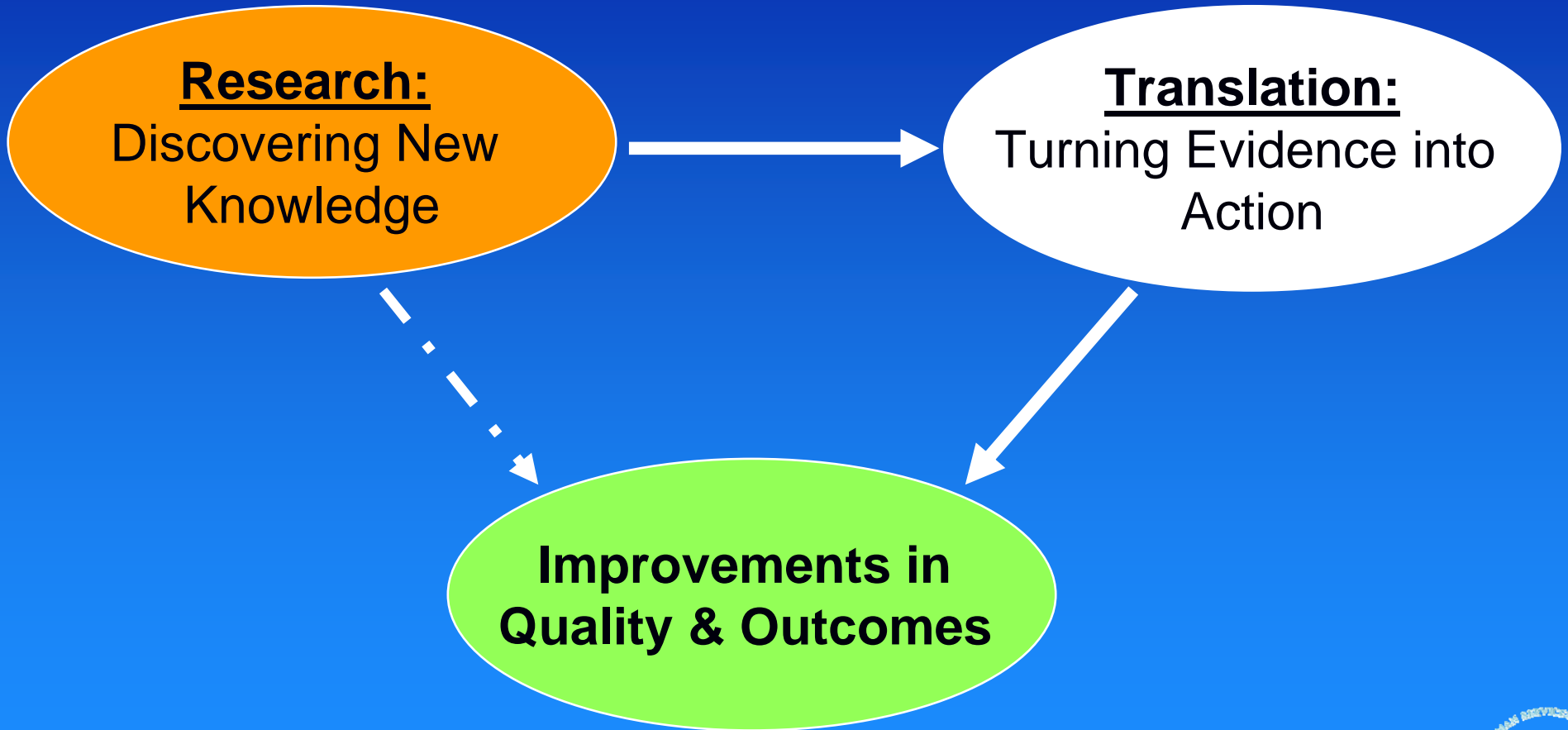
# AHRQ Research Focus: How it Differs

- Patient-centered, not disease-specific
- Dual Focus -- Services + Delivery Systems  
Effectiveness research focuses on actual daily practice, not ideal situations (“efficacy”)
- AHRQ mission includes production *and* use of evidence-based information

# AHRQ – As a Science Partner

- Fund and conduct research on issues important to decisionmakers
  - Clinical
  - Health System
  - Policy
- Close the gap between evidence and practice
- Nurture the next generation of health services researchers

# AHRQ Core Activities

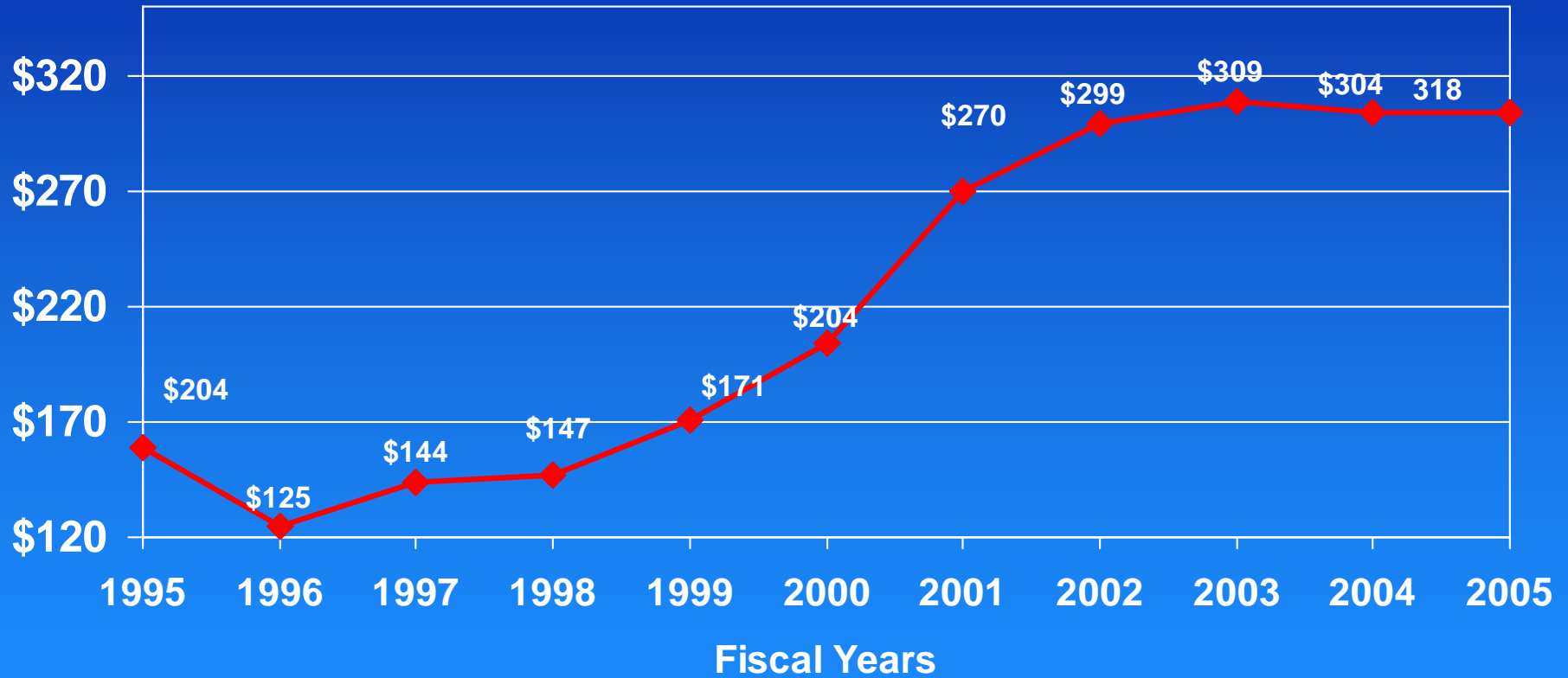


# Necessary Components of a Research Infrastructure

- Evolving Application Process – E-grants!
- Quick Turnaround Research Proposals
- Contract Opportunities Count Too
- **Consultation and Collaboration**
  - Partnerships with users (providers, patients, policy makers)
- Train Future Researchers for Translational Research

# FY 1995 - FY 2005 Appropriation History

Dollar in Millions



# FY 2006 Research Priority Areas

- FY 2006 Budget = **\$318,695,000**
  - Translating Research into Practice and Policy
  - Prevention Research
  - Health Information Technology
  - Quality and Patient Safety

# Unsolicited Research Opportunities

- R01-type research grants
  - Feb, June, Oct application receipt dates
  - up to \$300K/yr
- R03-type small research projects
  - March, July, Nov application receipt dates
  - up to \$100K/yr
- Large and small conference grants
- Research training and career development

# Solicited Funding Opportunities

## PA

- Formal statement inviting appls. on new or ongoing research activities
- Three receipt dates
- No specific \$
- normalized scores
- Standing study sections

## RFA

- Formal statement inviting appls on a well-defined area with specific objectives
- One receipt date
- Specific \$
- priority scores only
- Special Emphasis Panels

# FY06 E-Rx RFA

- Pilot Testing of Electronic Prescribing Standards
- AHRQ/CMS collaboration
- Will inform implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (MMA of 2003)
- \$6 million available for grants – up to \$2 million each

# AHRQ's Training Programs

Goal: To continue to foster the growth, dissemination, and **translation** of the field and science of Health Services Research to achieve AHRQ's mission and address Departmental priorities geared toward the **transformation** of health care.

# Training Objectives

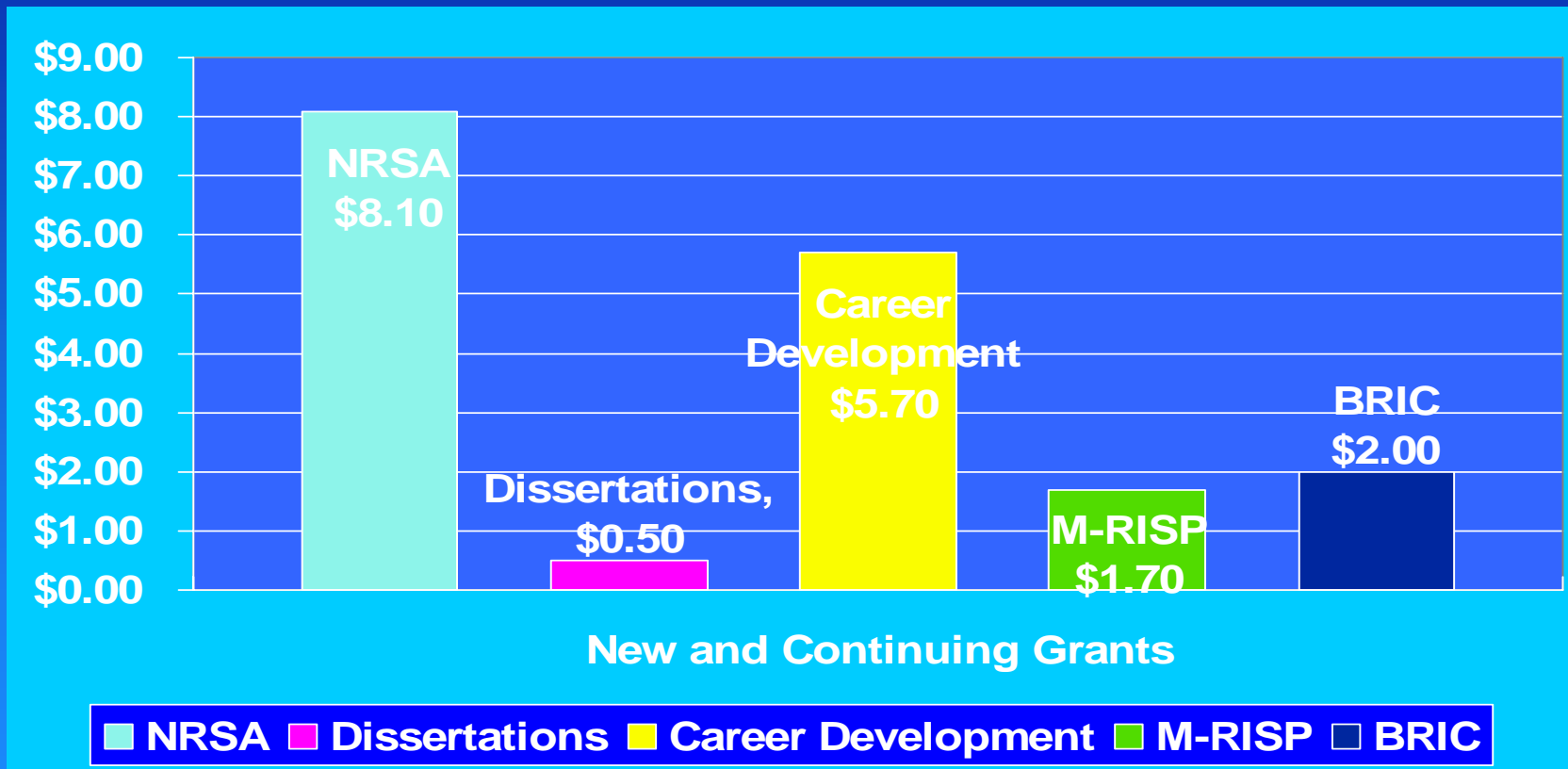
- Goal 1: Individuals: Foster the growth of the next generation of researchers and knowledgeable users of research
- Goal 2: Diversity: Foster institutional and individual diversity in health services research

# Career Development Opportunities

- **Pre and Postdoctoral Training**
  - Institutional Training Programs (T32)
  - Predoctoral Fellowships (F31)
  - Postdoctoral Fellowships (F32)
  - Dissertation Grants (R36)
- **Career Development Awards**
  - Mentored Clinical Scientist Awards (K08)
  - Independent Scientist Awards (K02)
- **Research Infrastructure Support Programs**
  - Minority Research Infrastructure Support Program
  - Building Research Infrastructure and Capacity



# 2006 Training and Career Development Programs



\*Totals \$18 million



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