

Sustained growth for the National Institutes of Health is an urgent national priority that will improve Americans' health and strengthen America's innovation economy.

Cuts will delay cures, eliminate jobs, and jeopardize American leadership and innovation.

Sustained growth for NIH will build on the nation's longstanding, bipartisan commitment to better health, which has established the United States as the world leader in medical research and innovation. Most recently, President Obama urged the nation to invest in medical research to strengthen America's economic foundation for the future. National leaders should not shelve or delay vital medical research progress or dismantle one of America's innovation engines at a crucial time for research and the economy.

Right now:

- **NIH research means hope for patients:** Potentially revolutionary new avenues of research hold promise for new early screenings and new treatments for disease. Recent funding has created dramatic new research opportunities in areas ranging from genetics to behavioral research.
 - A sampling of recent research advances is available at:
<http://www.nih.gov/about/researchhighlights/>
 - [Or insert examples from individual patient organizations, scientific societies, etc.]
- **NIH research is playing a key economic role in communities nationwide:** More than 83 percent of NIH funding is spent in communities across the nation, creating jobs at more than 3,000 universities, medical schools, teaching hospitals, and other research institutions in every state. NIH dollars are spent efficiently, leveraging capacity and expertise at institutions nationwide. Information about FY 2010 funding to individual states and congressional districts is available at: http://report.nih.gov/award/trends/State_Congressional/StateOverview.cfm
- **NIH research is supporting long-term competitiveness for American workers:** NIH funding forms one of the key foundations for long-term U.S. global competitiveness in industries like biotechnology, medical device and pharmaceutical development, and more. Sustained increases are a critical investment in the training of America's next generation of scientists, preparing them to make tomorrow's health discoveries and ensure America's continued scientific leadership. In particular, NIH funds "enabling science" that explores and identifies discoveries at a point earlier than businesses often invest, stoking and sustaining the discovery pipeline. Worldwide, many nations continue to invest aggressively in science in pursuit of an economic edge and the U.S. must compete.

This is no time to turn back. Support sustained growth for NIH in FY12 to improve Americans' health and invest in America's innovation economy.