NIDDK Mission Statement

The mission of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) is to conduct and support medical research and research training and to disseminate science-based information on diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases, nutritional disorders, and obesity; and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases, to improve people’s health and quality of life.

OVERVIEW

The NIDDK supports a wide range of medical research through grants to universities and other medical research institutions across the country. The Institute also supports government scientists who conduct basic, translational, and clinical research across a broad spectrum of research topics and serious, chronic diseases and conditions related to the Institute's mission. In addition, the NIDDK supports research training for students and scientists at various stages of their careers and a range of education and outreach programs to bring science-based information to patients and their families, health care professionals, and the public.

External research funded by the NIDDK is organized into three scientific program divisions:

- Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Diseases
- Digestive Diseases and Nutrition
- Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases

The NIDDK’s overarching principles in moving research forward include:

- maintaining a vigorous, investigator-initiated research portfolio that supports cross-cutting science that can be broadly applied to many disease-specific research areas
- supporting pivotal clinical studies and trials, with a focus on substantial participation from minority and underserved groups
- preserving a stable pool of talented new investigators
- fostering exceptional research training and mentoring opportunities
- ensuring that science-based health information reaches patients, their families, health care providers and the public through communications and outreach activities

The following is a partial list of research topics in these areas:

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| Liver and intestinal diseases   |                               |                                  | (Hepatology)