Historical Development—National Institutes of Health

1798  President John Adams signed “an Act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen,” which led to the establishment of the Marine Hospital Service.

1803  The first permanent Marine Hospital authorized to be built in Boston, Massachusetts.

1836  Library of the Office of Surgeon General of the Army established.

1870  President Grant signed a law establishing a “Bureau of the U.S. Marine Hospital Service,” Treasury Department, which created central control over the hospitals, and a Supervising Surgeon (later Surgeon General).

1887  Laboratory of Hygiene established at Marine Hospital, Staten Island, New York, for research in cholera and other infectious diseases.

1891  Laboratory of Hygiene redesignated the Hygienic Laboratory and moved from Staten Island to the Marine Hospital Service Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

1902  Advisory Board for Hygienic Laboratory established; later became National Advisory Health Council. Act of Congress changed name of Marine Hospital Service to the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service. Hygienic Laboratory authorized by Congress to regulate laboratories that produced “biologials.” The Hygienic Laboratory expanded to four divisions: Bacteriology and Pathology, Chemistry, Pharmacology, and Zoology.

1912  Public Health and Marine Hospital Service renamed Public Health Service.

1921  Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Laboratory established in Hamilton, Montana, as field station of Public Health Service.

1922  Library of the Office of Surgeon General renamed Army Medical Library.

1930  Hygienic Laboratory renamed National Institute of Health (NIH). Congress authorized construction of two buildings for NIH and a system of fellowships.

1937  Congress authorized National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the awarding of research grants. Rocky Mountain Laboratory became part of NIH.


1939  Public Health Service became part of newly created Federal Security Agency; until this time it was part of the Treasury Department.
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<td>1948</td>
<td>National Heart Institute authorized. Several laboratories (including Rocky Mountain Laboratory) regrouped to form National Microbiological Institute. Experimental Biology and Medicine Institute, and National Institute of Dental Research established. National Institute of Health became National Institutes of Health.</td>
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<td>Mental Hygiene Program of Public Health Service transferred to NIH and expanded to become National Institute of Mental Health.</td>
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<td>1952</td>
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1967  National Institute of Mental Health separated from NIH and became separate bureau of PHS.

1968  John E. Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences created. Bureau of Health Manpower and the National Library of Medicine became part of NIH. National Eye Institute created. National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness renamed National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke. Division of Regional Medical Programs transferred to Health Services and Mental Health Administration. National Institutes of Health, previously a bureau of the PHS, was established as a “health agency” when PHS was abolished as an operating agency. The health agencies reported to Assistant Secretary (Health and Scientific Affairs) who had line authority over the reorganized PHS and responsibility for health policy direction of all programs of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

1969  Bureau of Health Manpower renamed Bureau of Health Professions Education and Manpower Training (BEMT). Functions of the Division of Research Facilities and Resources transferred to the newly established divisions within the Bureau: Division of Research Resources and Division of Educational and Research Facilities. Division of Environmental Health Sciences renamed National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. National Heart Institute renamed National Heart and Lung Institute.

1970  Bureau of Health Professions Education and Manpower Training renamed Bureau of Health Manpower Education, with six divisions. Division of Research Resources transferred out of this Bureau.

1972  National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases renamed National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases. Division of Biologics Standards transferred from NIH to Food and Drug Administration, PHS. National Cancer Institute and National Heart and Lung Institute gained bureau status.

1973  Bureau of Health Manpower Education transferred from NIH to Health Resources Administration, PHS. National Institute of Mental Health rejoined NIH and then transferred after 3 months to the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration. NIH was again placed under the Public Health Service.

1974  National Institute on Aging created.

1975  National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke renamed National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke.

1976  National Heart and Lung Institute renamed National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Historical Development—National Institutes of Health (continued)


1986 National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes, and Digestive and Kidney Diseases renamed National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases created. The Center for Nursing Research transferred from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and renamed the National Center for Nursing Research. All research institutes, as well as divisions and centers reporting to the Director, NIH, given formal second-echelon (bureau-level) status.


1990 National Center for Research Resources was created by consolidating the Division of Research Services and the Division of Research Resources.

1991 National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research established within the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

1992 National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and National Institute of Mental Health were transferred to NIH from the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration.

1993 National Center for Nursing Research was retitled as the National Institute of Nursing Research.

1994 National Center for Sleep Disorders Research established within the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

1995 NIH was established as an HHS Operating Division, thereby elevating NIH to report directly to the Secretary, HHS.

1997 National Center for Human Genome Research was retitled as the National Human Genome Research Institute.

1998 Division of Research Grants was retitled as the Center for Scientific Review. The Center for Information Technology was created by consolidating the Division of Computer Research and Technology and two offices in the NIH Office of the Director. The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine was established. The National Institute of Dental Research was retitled as the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.
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<td>National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences was established. National Center for Research Resources was abolished.</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine was retitled as the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, per the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, P.L. 113-235, Div. G, Tit. II, sec. 224.</td>
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Historical Development—National Institutes of Health 1798–1952

1798
- Marine Hospital Service
  - Laboratory of Hygiene

1877
- Marine Hospital Service
  - Hygienic Laboratory

1891
- Marine Hospital Service
  - Laboratory of Hygiene

1902
- Public Health and Marine Hospital Service
  - Hygienic Laboratory

1912
- Public Health Service
  - Hygienic Laboratory

1930
- Public Health Service
  - National Institute of Health

1937
- Public Health Service
  - National Institute of Health

1938-1946
- Federal Security Agency
  - National Cancer Institute
  - National Institute of Health

1946
- Established as Research Grants Office in 1946 and title changed to Division of Research Grants in same year.

1947-1949
- Federal Security Agency
  - Public Health Service
  - National Institutes of Health

1950
- Federal Security Agency
  - Public Health Service
  - National Institutes of Health

1948
- National Cancer Institute
  - Division of Research Grants
  - National Heart Institute
  - National Institute of Dental Research
  - National Institute of Mental Health
  - Experimental Biology and Medicine Institute

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- National Institute of Dental Research
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- National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases
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Formerly Experimental Biology and Medicine Institute.
Historical Development—National Institutes of Health (Continued) 1953–1967

1953-1967

Department of Health, Education, and Welfare 1953

Public Health Service

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute
Division of Research Grants
National Heart Institute
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases 1955

National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness
National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases
National Institute of Dental Research
National Institute of Mental Health 1967

Clinical Center 1953
Division of Research Services 1955
Division of Biological Standards 1955

Division of Research Facilities and Resources 1962
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development 1963
National Institute of General Medical Sciences 1963
Division of Computer Research and Technology 1964

Division of Regional Medical Programs 1966
Division of Environmental Health Sciences 1966

1953–1967
Historical Development—National Institutes of Health (Continued) 1968–1969

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2. Transferred to NIH in 1968 as the Bureau of Health Manpower.

3. Transferred to Bureau of Health Professions Education and Manpower Training.

4. Transferred to Health Services and Mental Health Administration.
Historical Development—National Institutes of Health (Continued) 1970–1985

1 Title changed in 1979; formerly Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
2 NIH placed under the Public Health Service.
5 Became bureau in NIH in 1972; formerly National Heart and Lung Institute.
6 Title changed in 1975; formerly National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke.
7 Transferred to Food and Drug Administration, PHS.
8 Transferred from Bureau of Health Manpower Education.
· In 1995 NIH was established as an Operating Division, thereby elevating NIH to report directly to the Secretary, HHS, rather than through the Public Health Service.

· Title changed in 1997; formerly National Center for Human Genome Research.

· Transferred from Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration in 1992.

· Title changed in 1998; formerly National Institute of Dental Research.

· Title changed in 1986; formerly National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes, and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

· Title changed in 1989; formerly National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke.

· Transferred from Health Resources and Services Administration in 1986. Title changed in 1993; formerly National Center for Nursing Research.

· Established by consolidating the Division of Computer Research and Technology and two offices in the NIH Office of the Director.

· Title changed in 1998; formerly Division of Research Grants.
In 2001 National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities was established, the name was changed to National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities in 2010.

2 In 2012, National Center for Research Resources was abolished.

3 In 2012, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences was established.