Innovation at Work
North Dakota

Total Direct and Indirect Economic Output of the Biopharmaceutical Sector
$197.5 million

Total Employment Supported by the Biopharmaceutical Sector
1,029

North Dakotans Diagnosed with Cancer Annually
3,520

Research in the Peace Garden State

Novo Nordisk, Fargo, ND
Novo Nordisk is conducting phase III clinical trials comparing the effectiveness of a new drug for treating type II diabetes to that of diet and exercise alone.

University of North Dakota (UND), Grand Forks, ND
Researchers at UND have received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to investigate HIV-1 associated neurocognitive disorder (HAND), a category of neurological conditions often observed in individuals with HIV/AIDS. It is hoped that a better understanding of the causes and progression of HAND will help researchers identify new disease targets.

North Dakota State University (NDSU), Fargo, ND
The NIH is funding NDSU researchers working to develop a nanoparticle to deliver a new treatment for colon cancer, the third most prevalent cancer in the U.S. By suppressing a specific gene that stimulates cell growth, this treatment may slow the progression of the cancer.

A majority of Americans agree that even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.

Amanda Houston, 37, Fight Colorectal Cancer advocate

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