



# VA | THE PATH RESEARCH | of PROGRESS

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## 2010s

Launched largest ever  
**Genomic Medicine** initiative,  
or MVP

## 1990s

Developed **FES** systems, improved Wheelchair designs,  
guidelines for **Cholesterol** screening and an  
aspirin-a-day regimen

Identified **Werner's** syndrome, **Dementia**, **Alzheimer's**,  
and **Schizophrenia** associated genes

Launched over 100 **Gulf War** studies

## 1970s

Nobel Prizes to VA researchers for **Nuclear Medicine**  
techniques and Leukemia research

Lasker awards to VA researchers for discovering  
**Cancer**-causing viruses and **Hypertension**

## 1950s

Invented the **Cardiac** Pacemaker

## 1930s

Published articles from VA research on **Heart Disease**

Compared data from **VA Hospitals** -favorable, vs  
private hospitals

## 2000s

First international clinical  
trials with Canada and UK for **HIV**

**Parkinson's** disease results with deep brain  
stimulation

Established **ALS** Veterans registry

Largest ever clinical trials of psychotherapy for **PTSD**

New vaccine for **Shingles**

## 1980s

Invented the **Nicotine Patch**

Invented better **Respirator** settings for Patient Ventilators

## 1960s

Pioneered concepts for **CAT** scan

Lasker Award to VA researchers for **Cardiovascular**  
Surgery techniques

First successful **Liver Transplant**

## 1940s

Established standards for **Prosthetics**

Developed effective therapies for **Tuberculosis**

Began **Blind** persons' rehabilitation training programs

## 1920s

Established **VA Research** Program

Reported on treatments for **Malaria**, **Chemical Warfare**,  
**Mental Illness**

For many more accomplishments go to [www.research.va.gov/about/history.cfm](http://www.research.va.gov/about/history.cfm)