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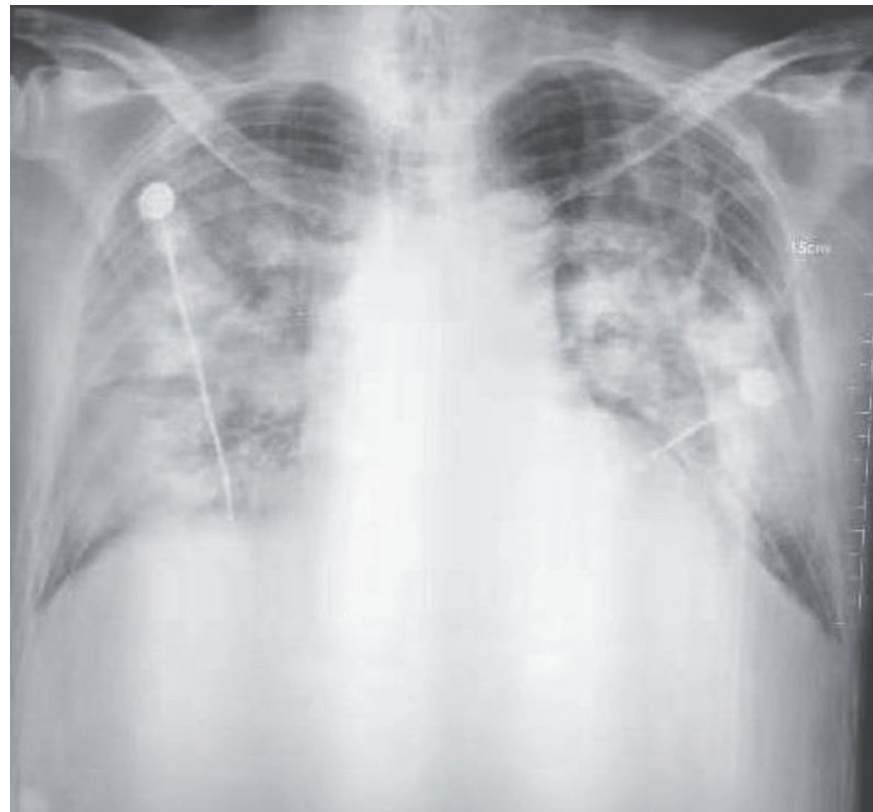
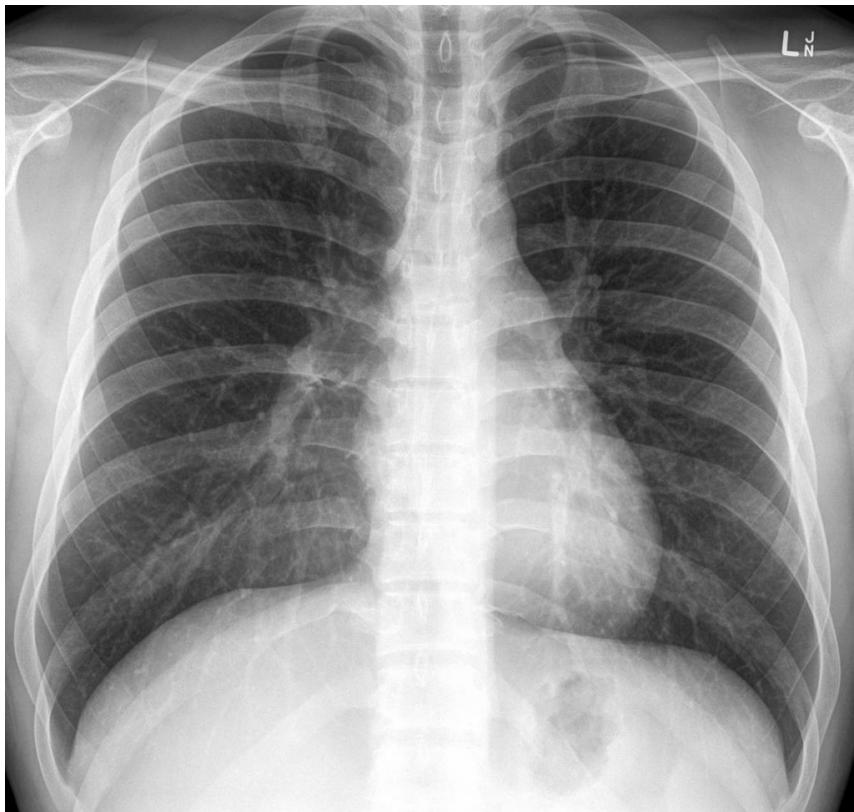
# The Future of Medicine is *How*

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# How it started



# Single-cohort Hospital Only COVID-19 hospital in Minnesota

**NATIONAL LEADER IN LEARNING HOW  
TO CARE FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS**

74% survival rate in ICU

400+ patients

3 of 600 healthcare workers tested  
positive



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# Minnesota COVID-19 Testing Partnership

Responding for the health of Minnesota.

April 22, 2020

Governor Tim Walz



- Equipment from across campus used to set up diagnostic testing lab
- Accredited within 10 days
- Self-sufficient, using our own materials and reagents

June 29, 2020

Reached “Moonshot goal” *capacity of 20,000 COVID-19 tests per day*



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# Necessity ... invention

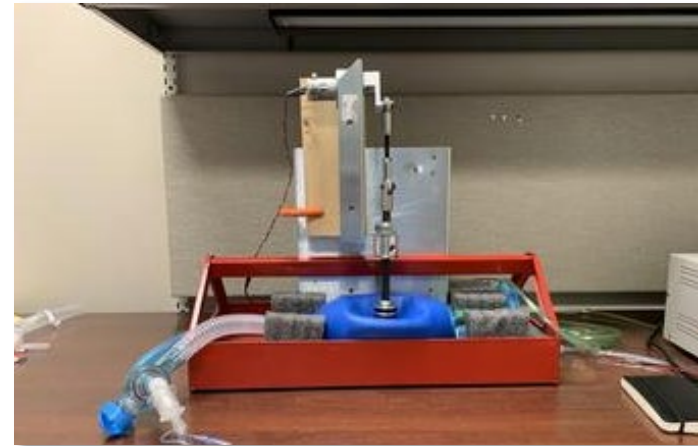
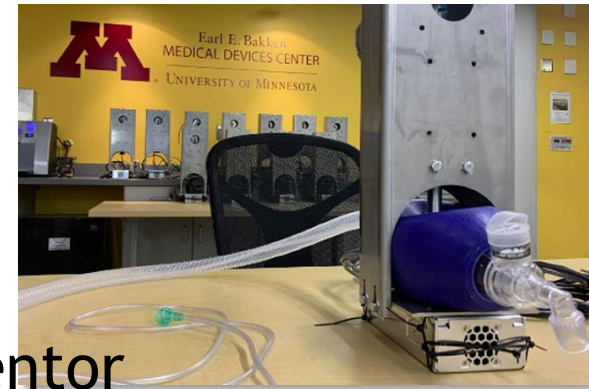
## Respiratory Safety Shield and System

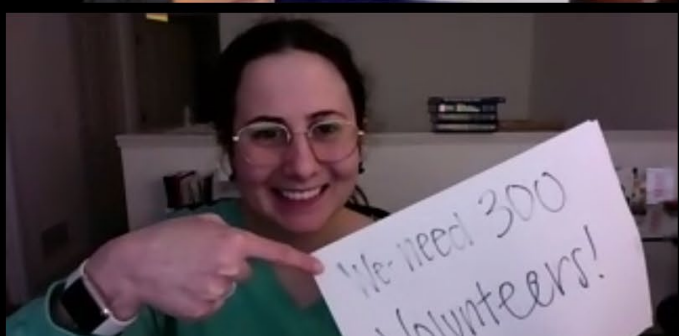
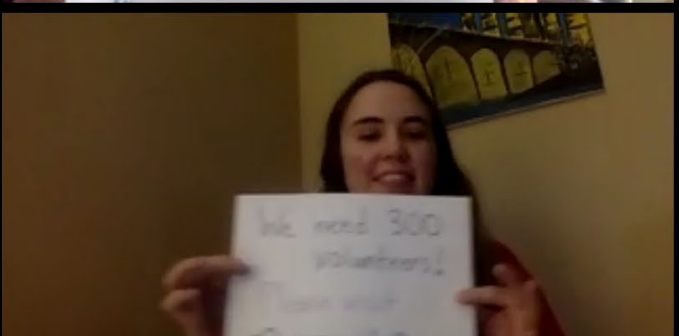


## Masks & PPE



## Coventor





# Clinical trials to inform care

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE

REMEDESIVIR

METFORMIN

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# Lessons for clinical care

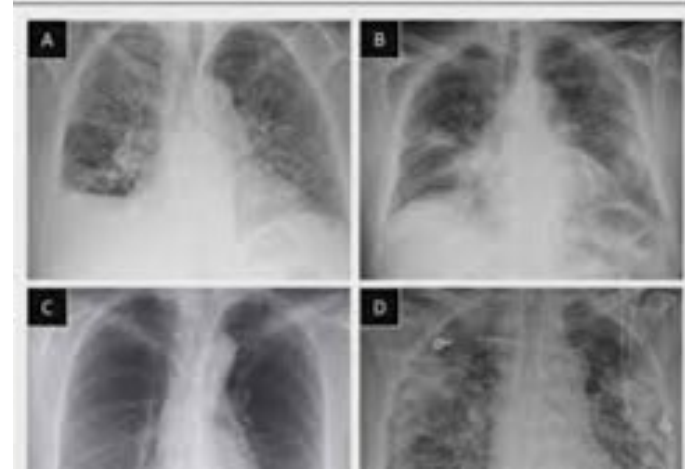


- Virtual visits here to stay
- Interprofessional teams are critical
- Access to care needs improvement statewide



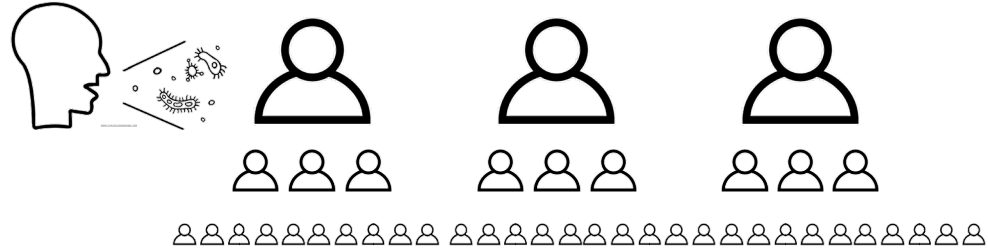


# Health Disparities: X-ray Algorithm

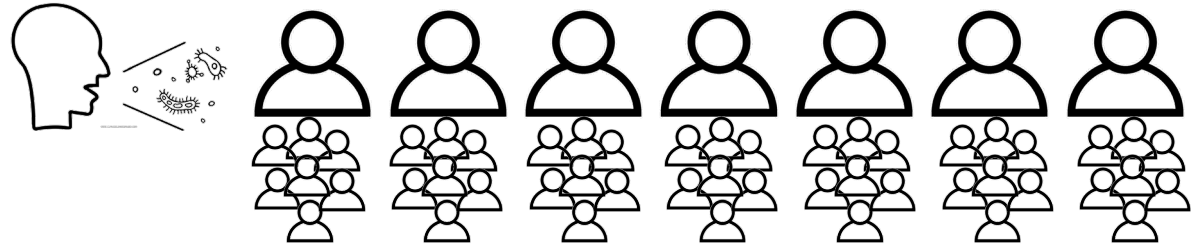


AI system bests radiologists in spotting COVID-19 in lungs

# Alpha variant 1:3



# Delta variant 1:7





RNA vaccines - 2 doses  
Pfizer  
Moderna

Viral vector vaccine - 1 dose  
Janssen  
(Johnson & Johnson)

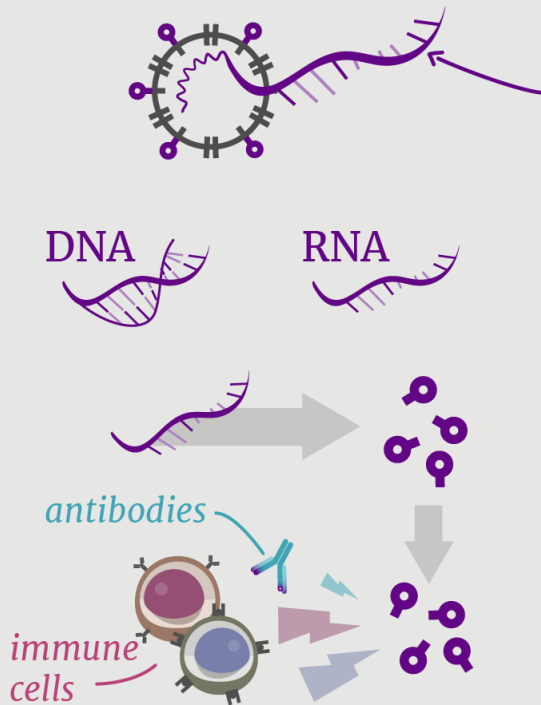


Types of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines for COVID-19

## Genetic vaccines (nucleic acid vaccines)

British Society for  
**immunology**

[www.immunology.org](http://www.immunology.org)



Contain a segment of **SARS-CoV-2 virus genetic material** that codes for a specific protein. Can be DNA or RNA.

Our cells use the genetic material to make the SARS-CoV-2 protein, which is recognised by the immune system to trigger a response.

This response builds immune memory, so your body can fight off SARS-CoV-2 in future.

### Considerations

Low cost and fast to develop.

May need to be stored at specific low temperatures.



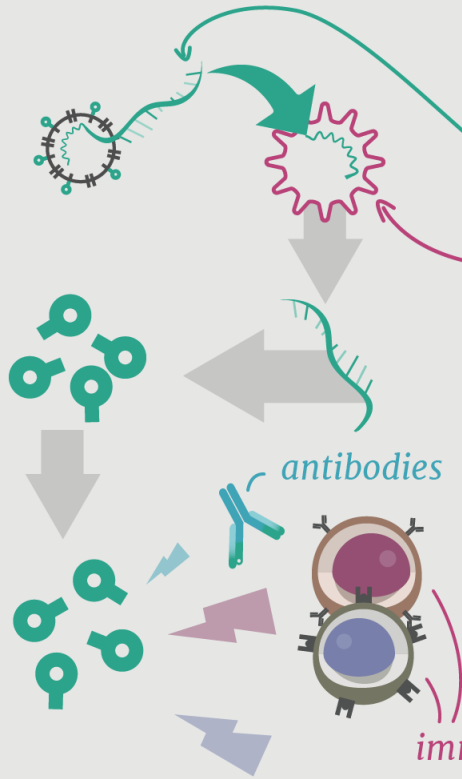
### Approved in the UK for COVID-19

Pfizer/BioNTech & Moderna

### In clinical trials for COVID-19

CureVac, Inovio Pharmaceuticals

# Viral vector vaccines



Use an unrelated harmless virus, modified to deliver **SARS-CoV-2 genetic material**. The delivery virus is known as a **viral vector**.

Our cells use the genetic material to make a specific SARS-CoV-2 protein, which is recognised by the immune system to trigger a response.

This response builds immune memory, so your body can fight off SARS-CoV-2 in future.

## Considerations

Generate strong immune response.

May need to be stored at specific low temperatures.



## Examples in human use for other diseases

Ebola vaccine

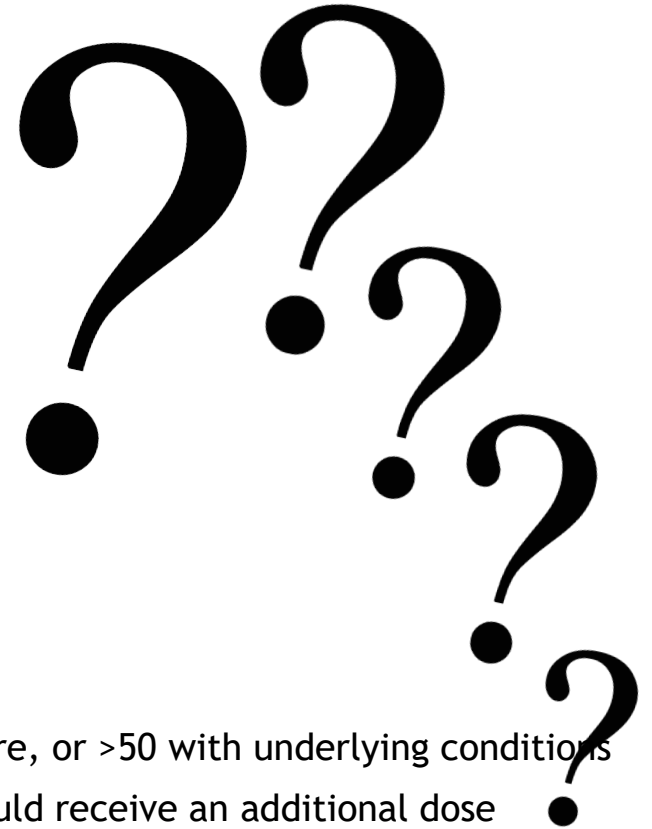
## Approved in the UK for COVID-19

AstraZeneca/Oxford

## Approved elsewhere in the world for COVID-19

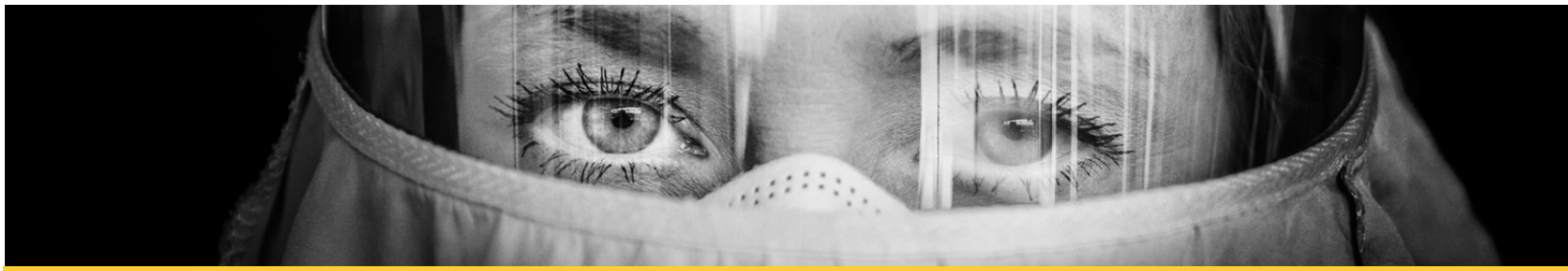
Janssen, CanSino, Gamaleya

# How it's going



- CDC says Pfizer boosters for people >65, in long-term care, or >50 with underlying conditions
- CDC says people with compromised immune systems should receive an additional dose (Pfizer or Moderna)





## We Teach

Training 70% of  
state's physician  
workforce

## We Explore

Translating world  
class basic science  
into improved  
clinical care

## We Heal

Providing  
compassionate  
care and cutting  
edge therapies

## We Serve

Developing and  
delivering  
solutions for the  
state's health  
care problems



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The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not “Eureka” (I found it) but “that's funny...” —Isaac Asimov (1920-1992)



### Post-it Notes

One guy makes weak adhesive by mistake. Another guy doesn't want his page markers to fall out of hymnal



### Velcro

Electrical engineer walks dog



### Penicillin

Scientist goes on vacation rather than washing dishes



# How it started



# Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain (MIDB)



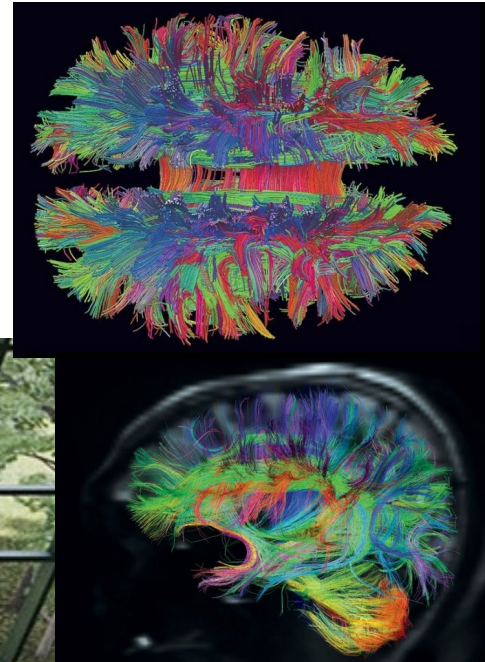
Dr. Michael Georgieff



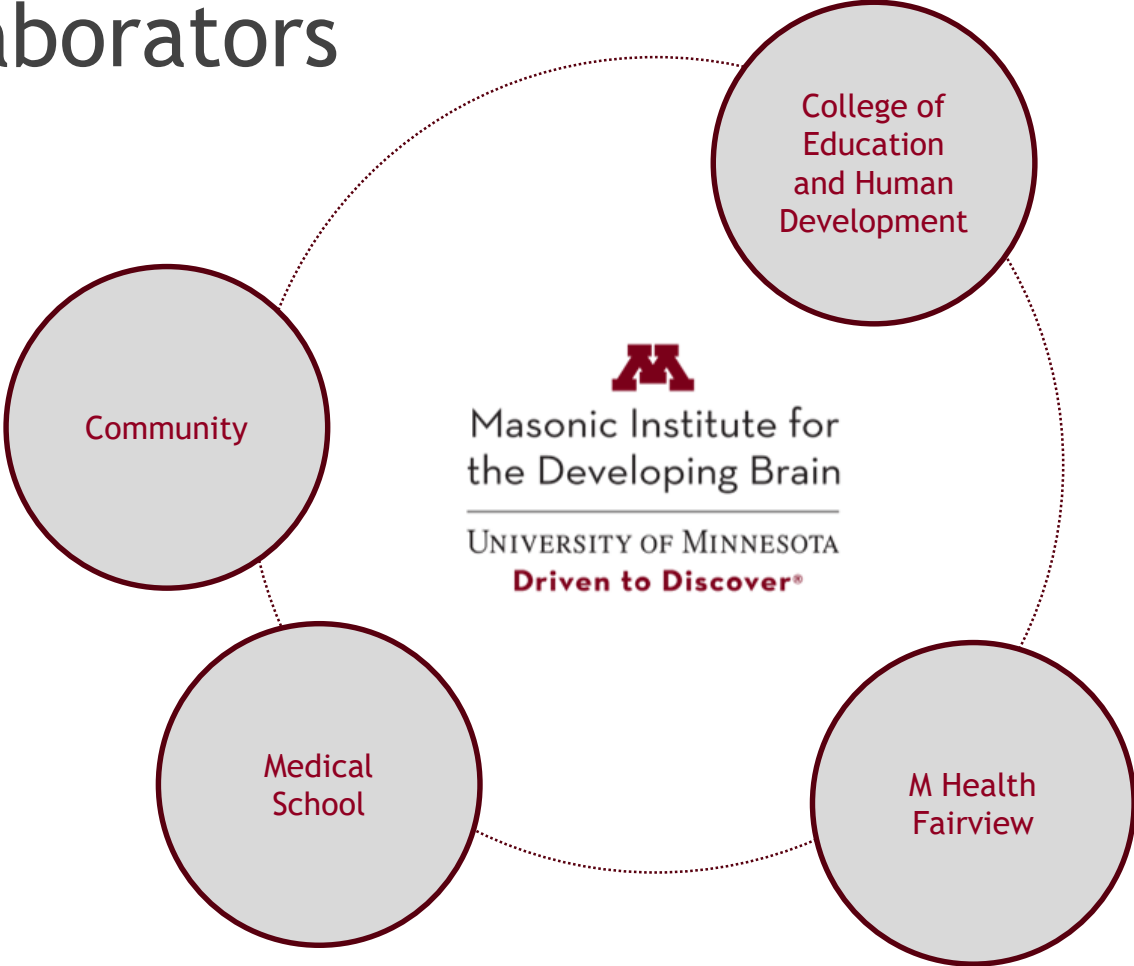
Dr. Anita Randolph



Dr. Damien Fair



# Collaborators



# Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain

**80%**

of Brain Architecture  
is Established in the First

**1,000**

Days

**Advancing brain health from the earliest stages of development across the lifespan, supporting each person's journey as a valued community member**



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# How it's going



- Facility opens on East River Road fall 2021
- Develop comprehensive research portfolio
- Engage with community partners

Developing connections between serving community, performing clinical research, providing care, and developing policy





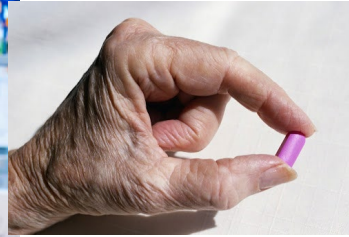
**Yes, Paul,  
I really am a  
scientist.**

# How it started



Dr. Laura Niedernhofer

Dr. Paul Robbins



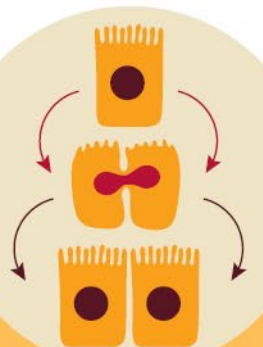
Dr. James Pacala



**Minnesota Northstar Geriatrics  
Workforce Enhancement Program**

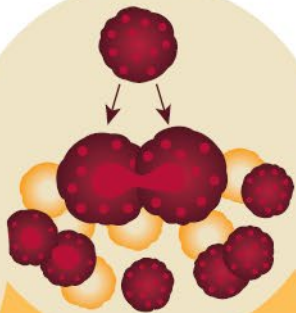
**Medical Discovery Team on the Biology of Aging**

# Science of Aging



1

Our body is made up of trillions of cells. There are many different kinds of cells, each type with a specific function. Healthy cells can **REPRODUCE** themselves, creating replacements for when the original cell dies.



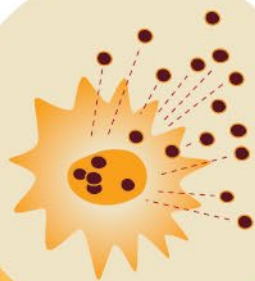
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Often, cells are damaged. If the **DAMAGE** is catastrophic, the body usually kills these cells because left unchecked, the damaged cell can reproduce incorrectly, causing cancer.



3

If the damaged cell doesn't die, the body has another **SYSTEM** to stop that cell from reproducing. The cell becomes "senescent."



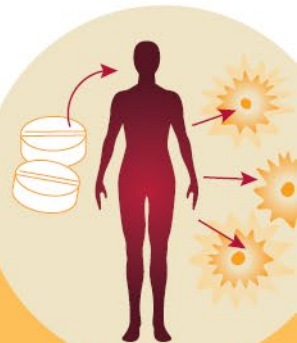
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These **SENESCENT CELLS**, although they no longer serve their function in the body, still produce and release chemicals that can affect the body.



5

These chemicals cause a constant low level of **INFLAMMATION**, which in turn impact the body's ability to repair and fight off infection.



6

"Senolytics" are **MEDICATIONS** that can clear these cells from the body, reducing inflammation and its complications.





# How it's going

By 2030,  
1 in 5  
>65 years

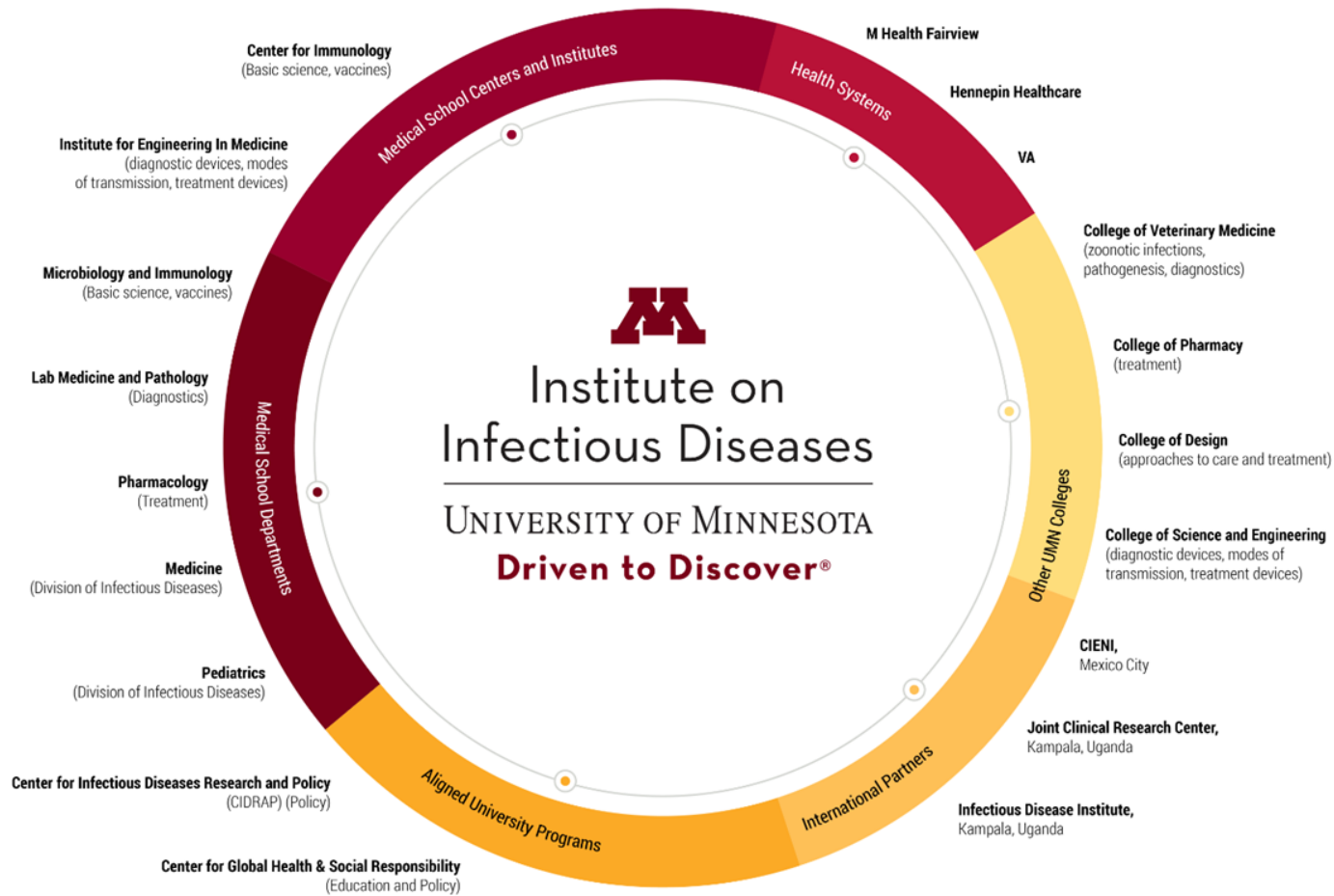


Not just  
lifespan  
“healthspan”

90% of US  
health costs  
are related to  
aging

Geroscience is  
rapidly  
growing field





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# Questions?



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