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Advancing the science of communication to improve lives

NIDCD conducts and supports research in the normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, taste, smell, voice, speech, and language.

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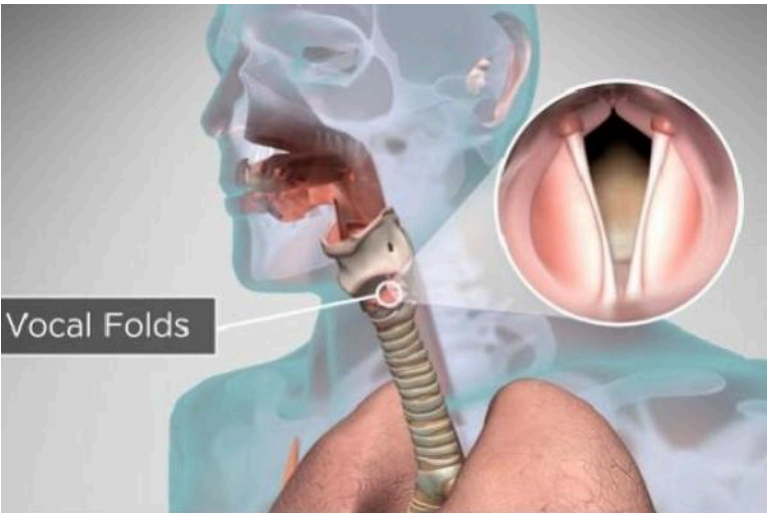
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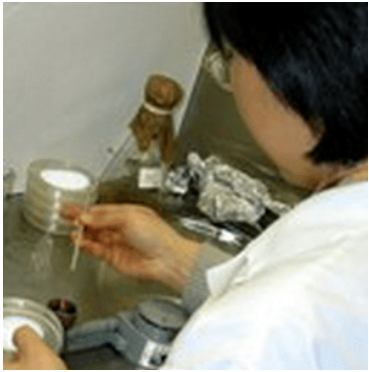
Messages from the Director

Debara L. Tucci, M.D., M.S., M.B.A., is the director of NIDCD.



Research

NIDCD supports approximately 1,300 research grants, training awards, and contracts at NIH and at labs across the country.



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Training

NIDCD provides research training and career development opportunities to prepare a talented and diverse biomedical research workforce.

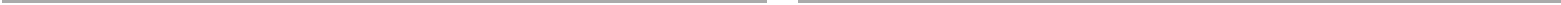
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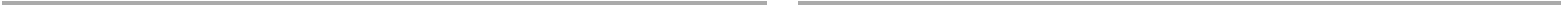
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