



National Institute on  
Deafness and Other  
Communication Disorders

*Advancing the science of communication to improve lives*

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

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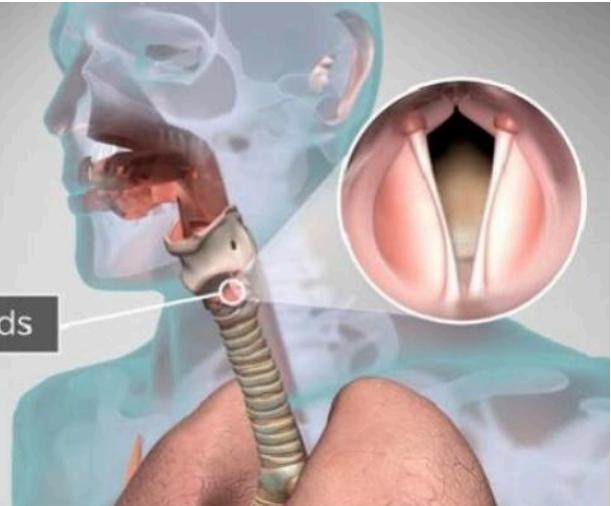
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## NIDCD at a Glance



## Who We Are

NIDCD conducts and supports biomedical and behavioral research to advance the science of communication to improve lives.



## 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.



## Grants & Funding

Learn about NIDCD's research funding opportunities and how to apply.

## **Training**

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

## **Labs at NIDCD**

NIDCD's intramural research program conducts basic and clinical research in human communication, with a primary interest in hearing and balance.

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