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## Protecting and Transferring Inventions Developed by the Government and Government-Funded Academic Research

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U.S. Government research and Government-funded academic research is vital to innovation of pharmaceuticals and medical devices. This research may complicate how rights to inventions can be used. The conflicting demands of research and the patent law can sometimes put scientific work at odds with effective patent protection. We will discuss issues faced by government agencies, academic institutions and potential industry partners that are considering engaging in technology transfer. We will discuss how such funding affects the right to exploit and to license IP. We will look at what government agencies and academic institutions could do to effectively secure IP rights that not only serve the public good but that are also attractive to investors, therefore increasing the likelihood of commercialization success.

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