

## Our Mission

The Minnesota Clinical Research Alliance (MCRA) supports clinical research in Minnesota. We will work together to provide clinical research education and support for elected officials, the media, manufacturers, vendors, service providers and academic partners.

We will focus on defining clinical research in easily understandable terms that educate all to the instrumental role our industry plays in healthcare and the economy. Patient safety and clinical research integrity are the foundation of our efforts.

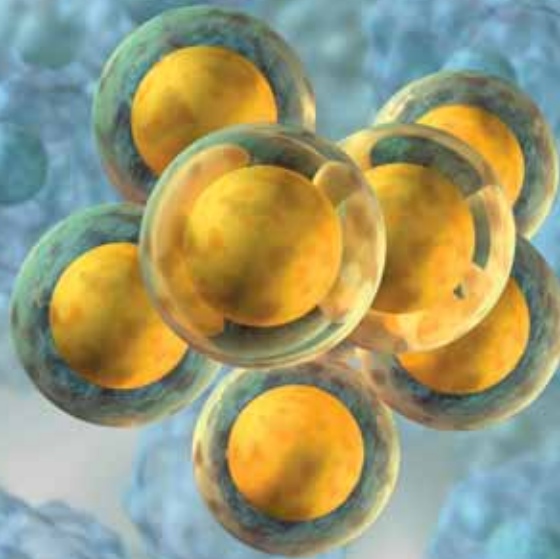
It is our mission to be recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in patient care, innovation and collaboration for the benefit of our patients.

## Fast Facts

- ▶ In 2010, Minnesota was home to 1,742 active clinical trials or 11% of the 15,134 trials in the United States.<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Minnesota clinical research is concentrated on: Cancers – 914, Diabetes – 80, Cardio Vascular – 123, HIV / AIDS – 31, Mental and Behavioral – 57, Rare Diseases – 592, Respiratory – 194.<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Minnesota has the highest number of investigational medical device and FDA pre-market approvals of medical devices per capita.<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ Minnesota is consistently in the Top Two among states for patent registration in medical devices.<sup>4</sup> From 2004 – 2009, Minnesota ranked 6th nationally in Bioscience and related patents with 4,608.<sup>5</sup>
- ▶ Minnesota companies registered 358 drug patents (2002-2006); and 29 companies have prescription and OTC drugs currently listed with the FDA.<sup>6</sup>
- ▶ Minnesota's high-tech employment has exploded since the 1990s. Today, more than 8,000 high-tech firms employ nearly 270,000 skilled workers. The state also boasts the second highest number of medical technology jobs in the nation. Just a few of the world-renowned high-tech companies that call MSP home for corporate headquarters include 3M, Medtronic, St. Jude Medical, H.B. Fuller, Ecolab, and Imation.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1,2</sup> Archstone Consulting, <http://www.pharma.org/sites/default/files/minnesota.pdf>  
<sup>3,4,6</sup> Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)  
<sup>5</sup> Battelle, [http://www.bio.org/local/battelle2010/MINNESOTA\\_profile.pdf](http://www.bio.org/local/battelle2010/MINNESOTA_profile.pdf)  
<sup>7</sup> Minneapolis Regional Chamber Development Foundation, <http://www.metromsp.org/About/workforce.htm>

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### Populations

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### Minnesota Center for Obesity, Metabolism & Endocrinology

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Prism Research is a 52-bed inpatient facility located in the center of Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Area. Prism Research specializes in first in man and complex inpatient clinical trials with a diverse disease based, volunteer database.

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## Affiliates

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