Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is a top 20 medical school where nationally renowned researchers collaborate with skilled clinicians to improve patient care and safety. Feinberg provides 60 percent of all research across Northwestern University. The collaborative medical school faculty conducts basic science, clinical, and translational research on campuses in Chicago and Evanston. Our geographical positioning near world-class partners – industrial, commercial, entrepreneurial, and academic – allow us to pursue rare opportunities for discovery that few universities can even consider.

As part of an academic medical center, Feinberg strives to quickly apply our breakthroughs in laboratory research into clinical practice. Researchers at Feinberg are supported by a network of more than 30 research core facilities.
Research is conducted in all Feinberg departments, institutes, and centers.

**Funding and Awards**
For the 2010 - 2011 academic year, Feinberg awards totaled $281.4 million dollars.

Researchers at the medical school received 1,361 awards in academic year 2010 - 2011.

**NIH Rankings: Steadily Rising**
In 2011, Feinberg rose to an all-time high for National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding rankings, jumping three spots to 23rd among all American medical schools.

In addition to rankings based on overall funding, NIH ranks individual departments of medical schools.

In 2011, 11 of Feinberg’s departments ranked in the top 20 of their research areas, and five ranked in the top 10:

- **Departments ranked in NIH top 10 in 2011:** Physical Therapy (2); Preventive Medicine (4); Urology (4); Obstetrics and Gynecology (6); Cell and Molecular Biology (6)
- **Departments ranked 10 through 20 by NIH in 2011:** Physiology (11); Dermatology (12); Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (15); Neurology (15); Medicine (17); Surgery (18)
- **Affiliated specialty hospitals ranked in the NIH top 10 for 2011:** Rehabilitation Institute (1); Children’s Memorial Hospital (8)

**Research Space**
Feinberg’s research space totaled 650,000 total sq. ft. in academic year 2010 - 2011. The school will be adding an additional 90,000 sq. ft. of leased space for dry labs, and Feinberg plans to renovate 100,000 sq. ft. of existing lab space by 2015.

**Technology Transfer**
59 invention disclosures, 100 provisional patent applications, 73 formal patent applications, and 41 non-provisional patent applications in academic year 2010 - 2011.

**Clinical Trials**
Nearly 1,000 clinical trials take place at Feinberg and its affiliates every year.