



# National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Strategic Plan 2014-2019

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The oral health of Americans has improved dramatically in the past half-century. These gains are due in large part to research and research training supported by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). Today, the fruits of this research investment enable us to understand human biology like never before. Our challenge is to ensure that new knowledge and technologies are used strategically and quickly to yield evidencebased, individualized oral health care. Our approach must be comprehensive and collaborative across multiple research and health care disciplines. NIDCR maintains a varied and productive research portfolio of basic investigations in molecules and cells animal, tissue, and computer models that interrogate human disease and clinical studies with individuals, communities, and populations in the United States and abroad. To chart the Institutes course for the next six years through strategic planning, we engaged in a process of introspective analyses and consultation with our stakeholders. As an Institute with an expansive agenda, we seek innovative solutions to a broad array of health problems and to probe the mysteries of biomedicine as they relate to the NIDCR mission. The NIDCR Strategic Plan for 2014-2019 embraces the multidisciplinary essence of dental, oral, and craniofacial health and the research that informs its evidence base. The plan centers on four key goals:

- [Naturalismus in Der Computergraphik](#)
- [National Individual Tree Species Atlas](#)
- [National Drg Validation Study Update : Technical Report](#)
- [National Wildlife Refuge System](#)
- [Natural Resources](#)
- [Natural Wonders](#)
- [A Natural History of the Mammalia Volume 2 Rodentia, or Gnawing Animals](#)