Empowering research and discovery since 1980

- 1980: National Diabetes Research Interchange was founded by Lee Ducat.
- 1981: First human tissue is retrieved for research.
- 1984: NDRI launches its first international corporate partnership with HAB Research Organization in Japan.
- 1985: Transplantation at Washington University in St. Louis.
- 1986: NDRI begins to collaborate with the Boston Veterans Administration.
- 1988: NDRI partners with the Henry Jackson Foundation for the Development of Biological Defense to serve a broader biomedical research community.
- 1996: NDRI partners with Joslin Diabetes Center to assist in tissue and medical data recovery.
- 2002: Network for Pancreatic Organ Donors (nPod) with Diabetes Network.
- 2004: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's (CFF) research on rare diseases.
- 2005: NDRI provides human pancreas tissues for clinical trials on islet cell transplant.
- 2006: NDRI begins a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health as a collection center for families health data for diabetes research.
- 2007: NDRI launches the Corporate Partners Program to provide customized biospecimens procurement services to pharmaceutical companies for expansion in the life science.
- 2010: Donates first explanted CF lungs.
- 2011: National Institutes of Health's Office of Rare Disease Research.
- 2012: NDRI supports the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's (CFF) research on rare diseases.
- 2014: NDRI is awarded funding for 30 months to serve as the primary tissue procurement organization for the continuation of the NIH's GTEx Project.
- 2016: CFF's partnership with Vertex Pharmaceuticals led to the first FDA-approved drug (Kalydeco©) for treatment of CF in 2012. Leaders of the CFF and Vertex site NDRI's partnership as critical to this discovery.
- 2019: NDRI ships first customized ocular histological section and dorsal root ganglion (nerve tissue of the spine) samples.
- 2020: NDRI celebrates 40th anniversary, empowering research and discovery since 1980.