# International Health and Tropical Infectious Diseases Research: An NIAID Perspective



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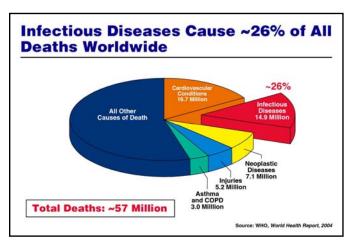




#### A Premature Declaration of Victory Over Infectious Diseases

"We can look forward with confidence to a considerable degree of freedom from infectious diseases at a time not too far in the future. Indeed... it seems reasonable to anticipate that within some measurable time... all the major infections will have disappeared."

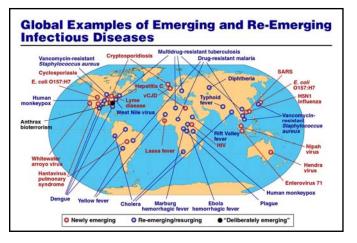
- Aidan Cockburn, The Evolution and Eradication of Infectious Diseases, 1963.



# Background "Matrix" of Infectious Diseases of Global Public Health Importance

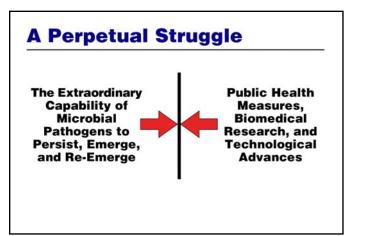
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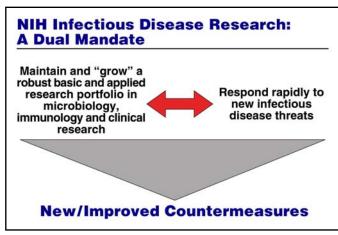
	Annual Deaths
Respiratory Infections	4.0 million
HIV/AIDS	3.1 million
Diarrheal Diseases	1.8 million
Tuberculosis	1.6 million
Malaria	1.3 million
Vaccine Preventable Childhood Diseases (measles, pertussis, tetanus, etc.)	600,000
Meningitis	170,000
Tropical Parasitic Diseases (trypanosomiasis, leishmaniasis, etc.)	130,000

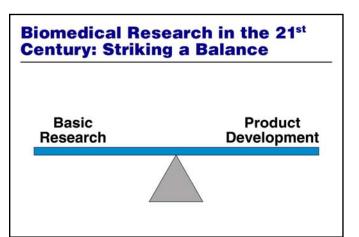


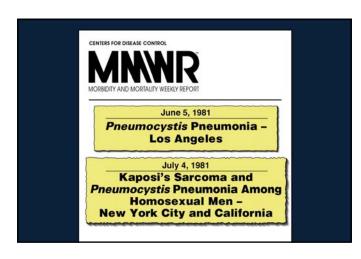
#### **Emerging and Re-Emerging Diseases**

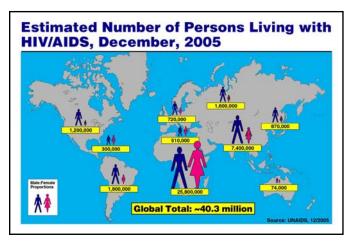
- Newly Emerging Diseases
  - e.g. HIV/AIDS, SARS, Nipah virus, vCJD
- Re-Emerging or Resurging Diseases
  - e.g. West Nile virus, monkeypox, dengue, MDR-TB, malaria
- "Deliberately Emerging" Diseases
  - agents of bioterrorism, e.g. anthrax attacks of 2001

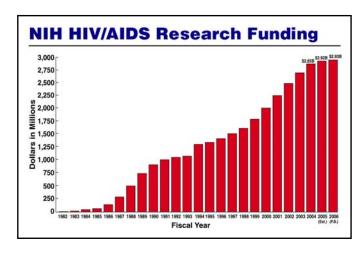








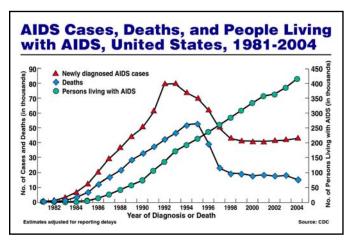




# Advances in AIDS Research, 1981-2005

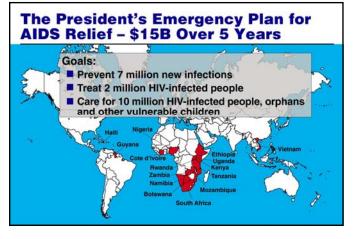
- Etiology
- Diagnosis
- Molecular Virology and Epidemiology
- Pathogenesis
- Natural History
- Treatment
- Prevention
- Vaccine Development





# Three Major Mechanisms for Providing HIV Prevention, Treatment and Care to Developing Nations

- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- Individual Bilateral Agreements



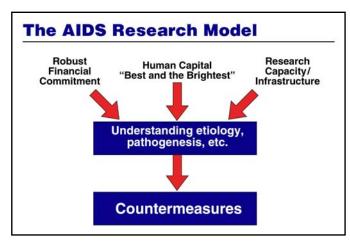
# Global Access to Antiretroviral Drugs in Low and Middle Income Countries is Improving

2003: 400,000 people on ARVs 2005: ~1 million people on ARVs

- In 2005, 250,000-350,000 deaths were averted because of recent treatment scale up.
- However, only 1 in 10 Africans and 1 in 7 Asians in need of ARVs are receiving them.

Source: UNAIDS, 11/2005

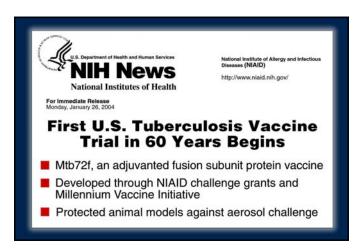




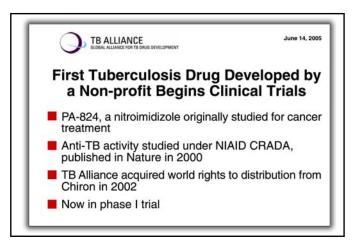
#### The Burden of Tuberculosis

- One-third of the world's population is infected with Mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB).
- 8.8 million active TB cases in 2003.
- 1.7 million TB deaths in 2003; TB accounts for ~13% of AIDS deaths worldwide.
- 300,000 new cases per year of multi-drug resistant (MDR)-TB worldwide.









#### The Global Burden of Malaria



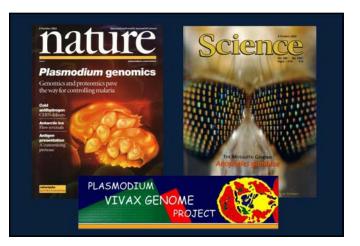


- 1.1 million annual deaths, most under age 5
- 350 500 million clinical episodes/yr.
- Every 30 seconds, a child dies of malaria

Source: WHO, World Malaria Report, 2005

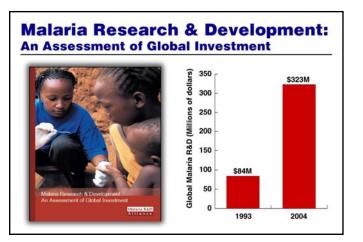
#### **NIAID Priorities in Malaria Research**

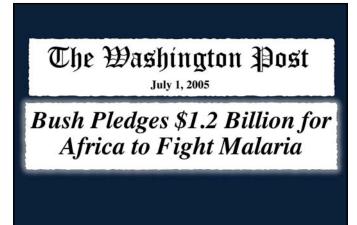
- Basic Research
  - Genomics and Proteomics: data mining and functional analysis
- Prevention
  - Vaccines: continued implementation of NIAID Malaria Vaccine Plan
  - Vector Biology and Control
- Treatments
  - Novel Artemisinin synthesis
  - Collaborations with industry and PPPs
- Diagnostics
- Capacity Enhancement in Developing Countries
  - Training
  - Multilateral Initiative on Malaria
  - In-country sites



# Highlights of NIAID's Research Plan for Malaria Vaccine Development

- Improved access to well-characterized research materials
- Discovery and preclinical testing of new vaccine candidates
- Production and evaluation of candidate malaria vaccines
- Clinical research and trial preparation sites in endemic areas





# The Human Toll of Three Trypanosomatids

Disease	Regions affected	Estimated number of cases	Estimated number of annual deaths
African sleeping sickness	Sub-Saharan Africa	300,000-500,000	50,000
Leishmaniasis	Tropics and subtropics	12 million 59,000	
Chagas' disease	Latin America	16-18 million	13,000

Source: WHO

# Three Deadly Parasite Genomes Sequenced



- Trypanosoma brucei (African sleeping sickness)
- Trypanosoma cruzi (Chagas' disease)
- Leishmania major (Leishmaniasis)

## Trypanosomatid Genome Sequencing: Partners

Research funding agencies

NIAID

Burroughs Wellcome Fund

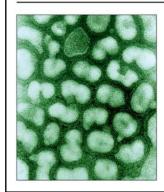
M.J. Murdoch Charitable Trust

WHO Special Programme for Research & Training in Tropical Diseases

Sequencing centers

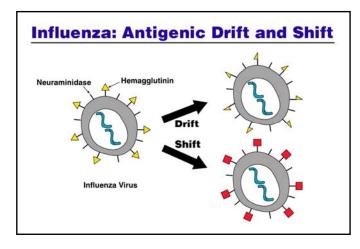
Seattle Biomedical Research Institute, Seattle WA The Institute for Genomic Research, Rockville MD Sanger Center, Hinxton, UK Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden

#### Influenza



- Re-emerging disease (interpandemic flu)
- Newly emerging disease (potential pandemic flu)





# Seasonal Influenza vs Pandemic Influenza

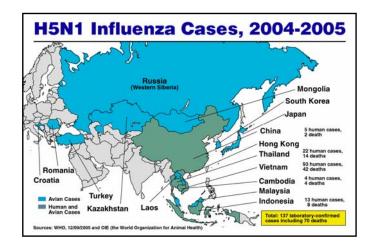
#### The Burden of Influenza

- 250,000 to 500,000 deaths globally/yr
- 36,000 deaths and >200,000 hospitalizations/yr in U.S.
- \$37.5 billion in economic costs/yr in U.S. related to influenza and pneumonia
- Ever-present threat of pandemic influenza

Sources: CDC, WHO, Am. Lung. Assoc.

#### **Past Antigenic Shifts**

1918 H1N1 Spanish Influenza 20-40 million deaths
1957 H2N2 Asian Flu 1-2 million deaths
1968 H3N2 Hong Kong Flu 700,000 deaths
1976 H1N1 Swine Flu No pandemic

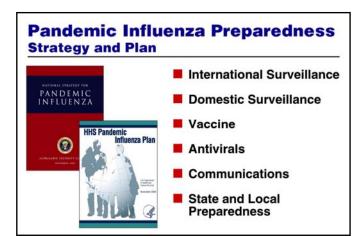


#### Number of Episodes of Illness, Healthcare Utilization, and Death Associated with Moderate and Severe Pandemic Influenza Scenarios\*

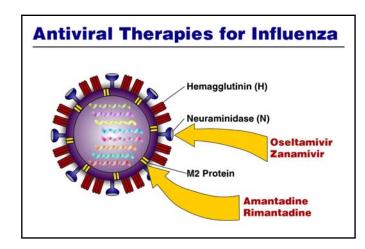
Characteristic	Moderate (1958/68-like)	Severe (1918-like)	
Illness	90 million (30%)	90 million (30%)	
Outpatient medical care	45 million (50%)	45 million (50%)	
Hospitalization	865,000	9,900,000	
ICU care	128,750	1,485,000	
Mechanical ventilation	64,875	742,500	
Deaths	209,000	1,903,000	

\* Estimates based on extrapolation from past pandemics in the United States. Note that these estimates do not include the potential impact of interventions not available during the 20th century pandemics.

Source: HHS Pandemic Influenza Plan



# The New Hork Times November 1, 2005 Bush Calls for \$7.1 Billion to Prepare for Bird Flu Threat President Bush today unveiled a strategy to combat the threat of an avian flu pandemic, calling for \$7.1 billion in emergency spending to stockpile reserves of medicines and to press ahead with the development of a new vaccine.

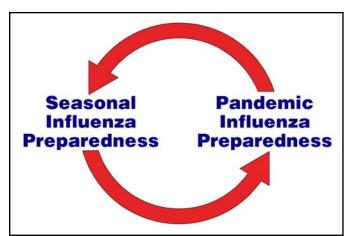


#### **Pandemic Influenza Vaccine**

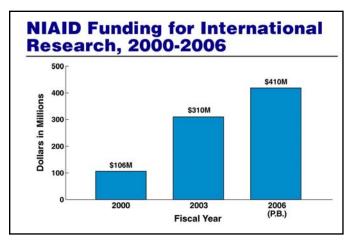
- Pre-pandemic
- Intra-pandemic

#### Major Challenges to Pandemic Vaccine Development and Availability are Production and Surge Capacity

- Accelerate development of cell culture based vaccine technology
- Develop novel vaccine approaches
- Evaluate dose-sparing technology (adjuvants, intramuscular vs. intradermal)



## Outlook for the Future





# Key NIAID Global Health Strategies

- Adapt disease prevention and treatment methods to developing countries
- Develop research capacity within developing countries
- Form partnerships among scientists, governments, companies and nongovernmental organizations

