

# Dollars for Disease

Just how much money is allotted to study a certain disease — and which gets more, liver cancer or liver disease? (The answer is liver disease.) Earlier this year, the National Institutes of Health updated its tally of how much funding goes into research for a range of diseases and conditions each year. For 2006, these figures are based

on grants, contracts, and ongoing research at the NIH. The numbers for 2007 and 2008 are estimates, using current funding levels, this year's current rate level, and the budget for 2008 as a guide.

From the NIH's list of research areas, *Genome Technology* picked out a sampling of diseases. Overall, most cate-

gories such as multiple sclerosis and epilepsy will see a slight decline of a million or two dollars over the next couple of years. Influenza research, though, will continue to receive more and more attention, as will diabetes studies. The big winner, in terms of getting the most funding, is HIV/AIDS research. — Ciara Curtin

DISEASE	NIH FUNDING, IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS		
	2006	2007	2008
ALS	44	44	43
Alzheimer's disease	643	643	642
Atherosclerosis	337	338	338
Brain cancer	178	178	177
Breast cancer	718	717	716
Cerebral palsy	18	21	20
Cervical cancer	97	96	96
Childhood leukemia	53	53	53
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	408	407	406
Colorectal cancer	269	270	269
Coronary heart disease	398	410	410
Cystic fibrosis	85	85	85
Diabetes	1,038	1,035	1,031
Down syndrome	14	14	13
Dystonia	19	19	19
Epilepsy	103	101	100
Hepatitis-C	122	121	121
HIV/AIDS	2,902	2,903	2,905
Hodgkin's disease	21	21	21
Huntington's disease	48	47	47
Hypertension	395	394	393
Inflammatory bowel disease	72	72	72
Influenza	207	222	233
Liver cancer	88	88	88
Lung cancer	266	266	265
Lupus	97	96	95
Lymphoma	170	169	169
Macular degeneration	60	60	60
Multiple sclerosis	110	109	107
Muscular dystrophy	40	40	40
Obesity	594	593	590
Ovarian cancer	102	102	102
Parkinson's disease	208	207	205
Prostate cancer	348	348	347
Schizophrenia	364	364	363
Sickle cell disease	91	90	90
Stroke	342	339	336
Uterine cancer	28	27	26