

which supports basic and applied research aimed at developing commercial applications for ribonucleic acids. The Colorado RNA Center is funded by the Colorado Advanced Technology Institute which is located in Fort Collins.

Denver is home to two nonprofit, private medical research organizations: *AMC Cancer Research Center* and *AlloSource/Mile High Transplant Bank*. AMC Cancer Center is an independent research center devoted to cancer research. Their research specialties include early detection diagnostics, new treatment modalities, immunodiagnostics, molecular markers and interferon therapy. Allosource is a network of tissue banks that recover, process, store and distribute human tissue grafts. Sterilization technologies to inactivate viruses in allografts is one of their research specialties.

Table 1. Medical Research Organizations in North Central U.S.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>
AMC Cancer Research Center	Denver, Colorado
Creighton University, Medical School	Omaha, Nebraska
Duluth Clinic	Duluth, Minnesota
Human Gene Therapy Research Institute	Des Moines, Iowa
International Diabetes Center	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Mayo Medical Center	Rochester, Minnesota
National Bone Marrow Program	Minneapolis, Minnesota
University of Colorado Boulder	Boulder, Colorado
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center	Denver, Colorado
University of Iowa Academic Health Center	Iowa City, Iowa
University of Minnesota Academic Health Center	Duluth, Minnesota
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University of Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha, Nebraska
University of North Dakota Medical School	Grand Forks, North Dakota
University of South Dakota Medical School	Vermillion, South Dakota

Iowa. The *University of Iowa Academic Health Center*, located in Iowa city, has Colleges of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy, a teaching hospital, and other programs in allied health sciences, public health, and hospital and health administration. Numerous research institute and centers are affiliated with UIACH, including: Cancer Center, Clinical Research Center, Diabetes and Endocrinology Center, Digestive Diseases Center, Lipid Research Clinic, Pharmaceutical Services Center, Schizophrenia Research Center, Occupational and Immunological Lung Diseases Center. The 800 faculty scientists in the four UI Health Colleges work in multidisciplinary teams on the cutting edge of medical genetics research, pharmaceutical development, and clinical research.

The *Human Gene Therapy Research Institute* at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines is home to the world renown pioneer in human gene therapy research, Kenneth Culver, M.D.. Dr. Culver and his associates are conducting basic