The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the world’s premier biomedical research funding agency, competitively awarding grants to scientists at universities in all 50 states. At UW–Madison, the awards we receive from NIH support a broad array of human health research, from the prevention and cure of Alzheimer’s to restoring cardiac function following a heart attack.

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**EXAMPLES OF NIH RESEARCH AT UW–MADISON**

**Working Toward Prevention and Cure of Alzheimer’s**

**Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Institute**

Alzheimer’s disease is currently one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. The Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Institute at UW–Madison is home of the Wisconsin Registry for Alzheimer’s Prevention (WRAP) study, one of the world’s largest and longest-running studies of individuals at risk for the disease. Understanding how Alzheimer’s progresses is allowing UW–Madison researchers to develop tools for prevention and eventually curing the disease. WRAP consists of nearly 2,000 individuals, followed over time, to learn about biological, health, and lifestyle factors that may affect the disease; data from the study is shared around the world. [More online.]

**Restoring Cardiac Function**

**Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Center, School of Medicine and Public Health**

UW–Madison researchers have found that a new therapeutic approach for heart failure could help restore cardiac function by regenerating heart muscle. By temporarily blocking a key metabolic enzyme after a heart attack in a mouse model, the UW team has demonstrated success in improving the function of heart muscle. This simple intervention could ultimately help people regain cardiac function. [More online.]

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