Exhibits Online

Online Exhibits Gallery

The Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum maintains numerous exhibits, some physical and others online. Below is a list of our online exhibits about NIH people, objects, and scientific themes. For onsite exhibitions and displays and their online component, refer to our Onsite Exhibits page.

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Marshall Nirenberg: Deciphering the Genetic Code

Explore the Nobel Prize-winning work of Marshall Nirenberg, who deciphered the genetic code with the help of NIH colleagues, enabling genetics to become a central scientific field.

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The Stadtman Way: A Tale of Two Biochemists at NIH

The scientific power couple of Thressa and Earl Stadtman developed a unique way to train scientists; they each made significant scientific contributions too.

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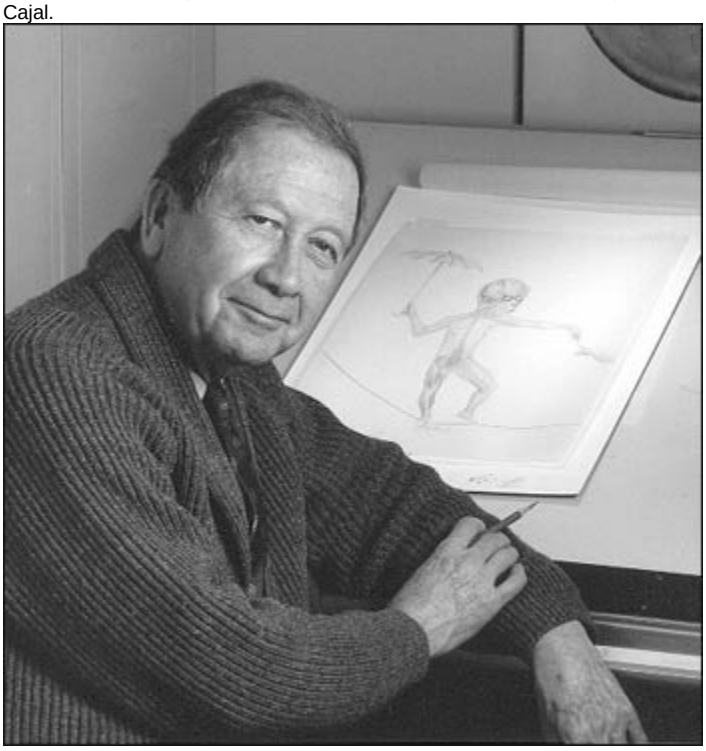
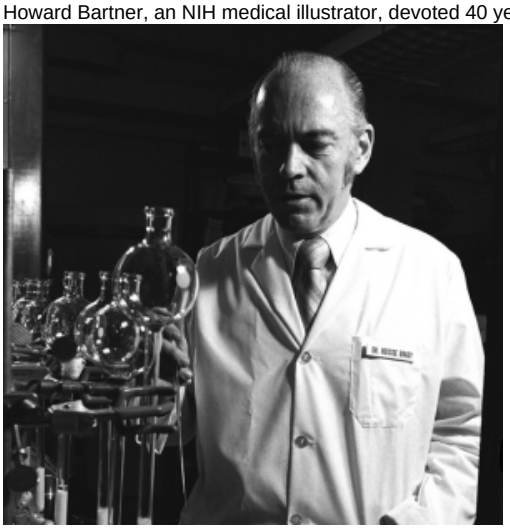
Santiago Ramón y Cajal: The Beginnings of Modern Neuroscience

Learn about the first person to describe the nervous system, including intricate neurons, in exquisite and artistic detail was Santiago Ramón y Cajal.

- 

Howard Bartner & 40 Years of Medical Illustration

Howard Bartner, an NIH medical illustrator, devoted 40 years to portraying human anatomy in his drawings.

- 

Roscoe Brady & Gaucher's Disease

Is there a disease? What causes it? Can we prevent, treat, or cure it? Roscoe Brady's research into Gaucher's disease answered all three questions.

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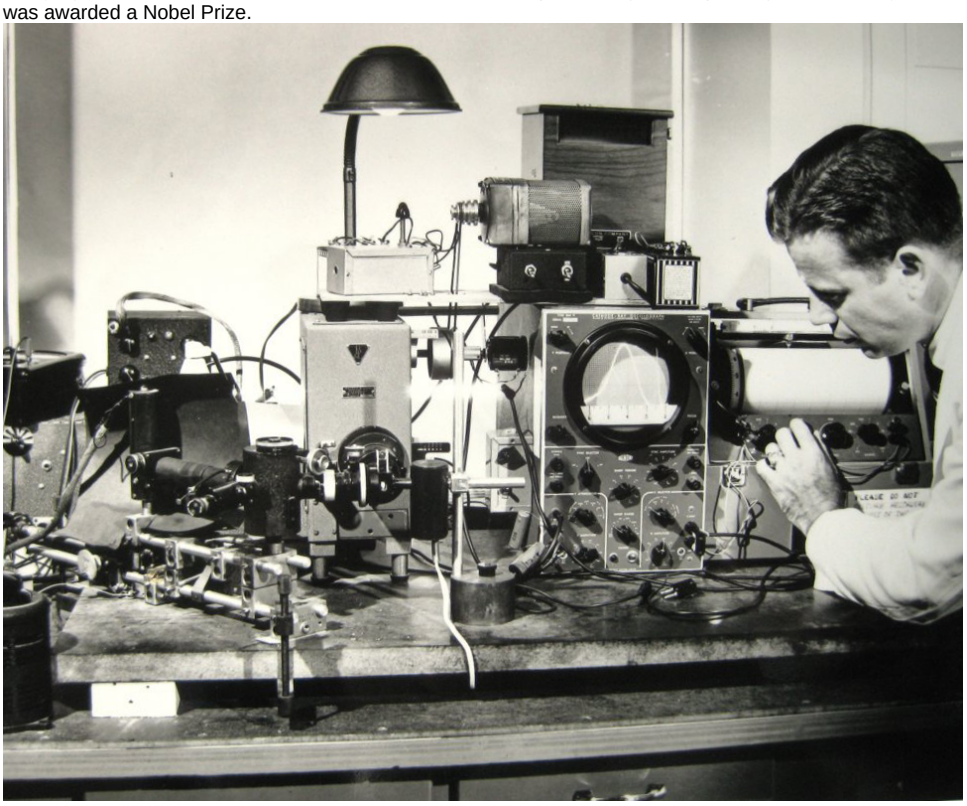
Martin Rodbell: How Cells Respond to Signals

Studying hormones, Martin Rodbell discovered how cells respond to signals, explaining how our body makes sense of the world. For his work, he was awarded a Nobel Prize.

- 

The AMINCO-Bowman Spectrophotofluorometer

The colorful glow of fluorescent chemicals can identify and measure tiny amounts of substances in the body. This spectrophotofluorometer invented by Robert Bowman did just that.

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A Thin Blue Line: The History of the Pregnancy Test Kit

Discover the history of the home pregnancy test—developed at the NIH—and examine its place in our culture.

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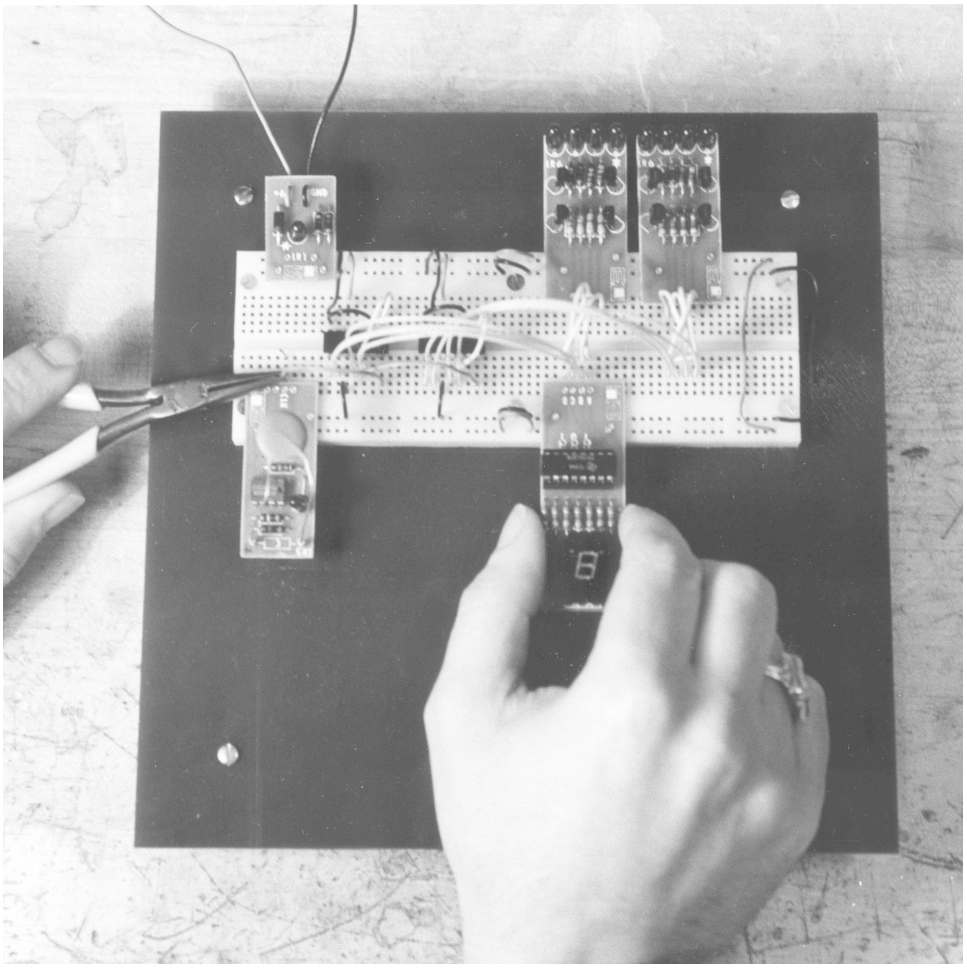
Drugs as Opiates, Drugs as Research Tools: Synthetic Opiates & Opioids

Learn how the NIH Total Opiate Synthesis freed us from dependence upon flowers for painkillers and opened the door to new ones.

- 

Early Computing at the NIH

This snapshot of some of the computing tools used in NIH labs highlights objects that are now in the NIH Stetten Museum collection.

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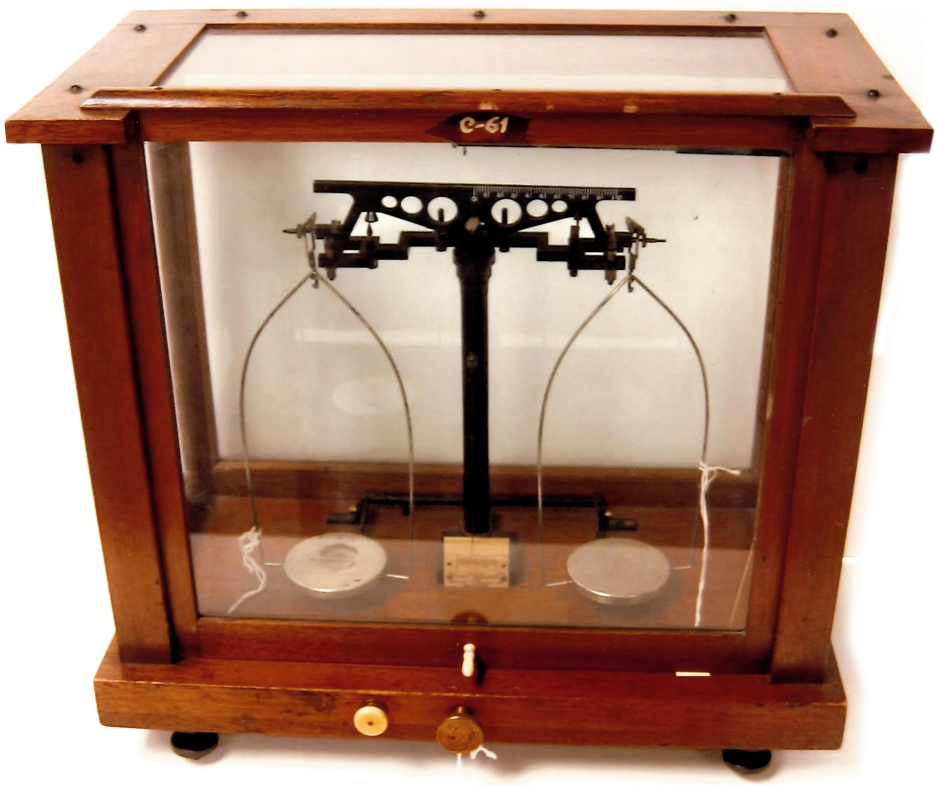
Early Medical Instruments at the NIH

See a cross-section of precision instruments from our collection used at NIH between 1945 and 1965.



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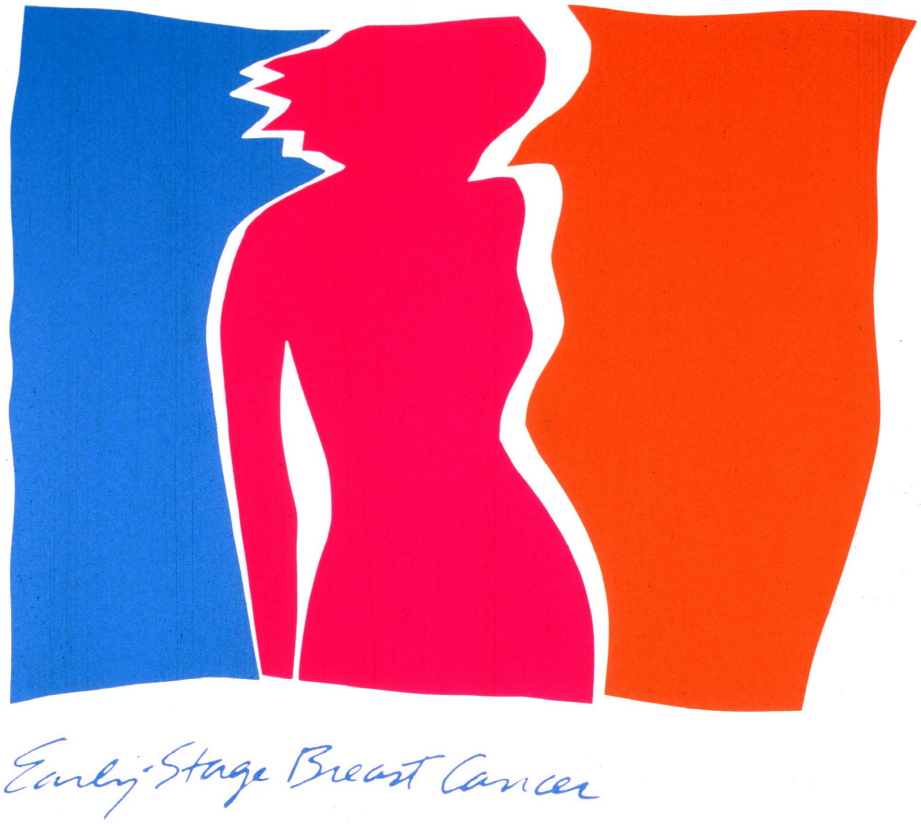
Equal Arm Analytical Balances

Discover one of the most important tools in furthering our understanding of human biology and medicine dating back to 5,000 B.C.



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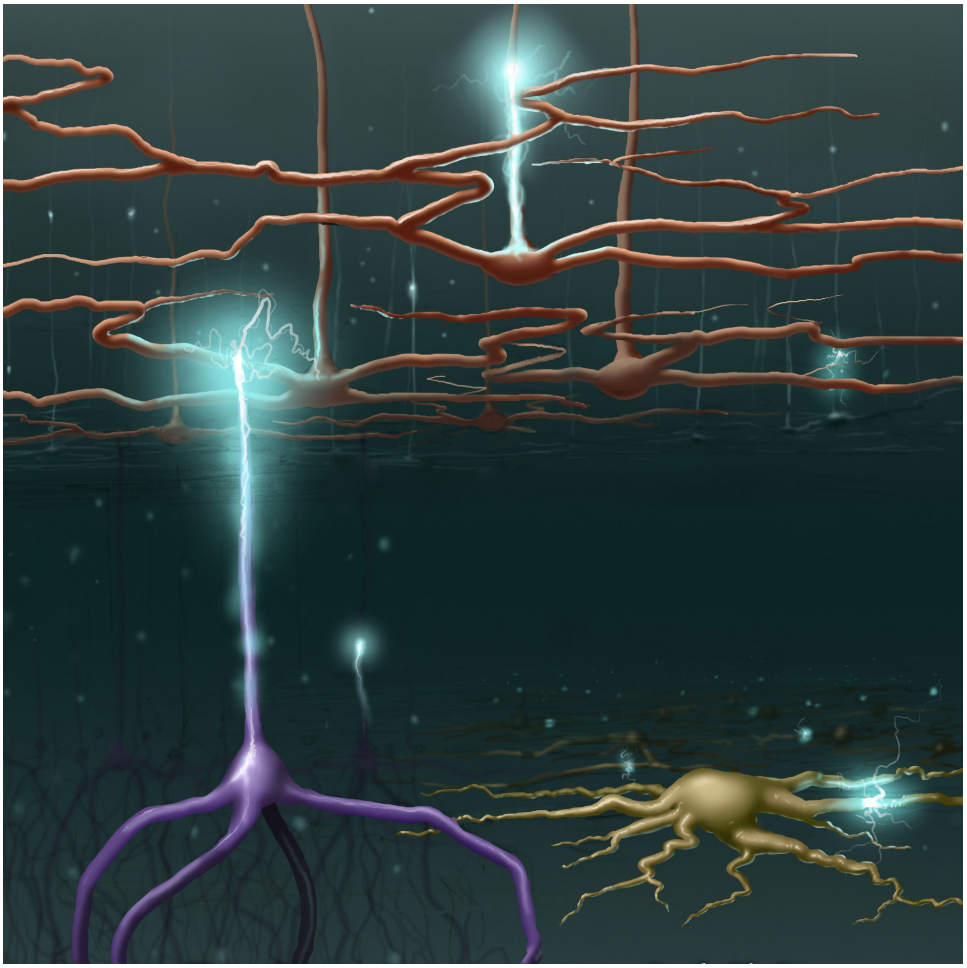
Medical Posters

Discover a collection of 24 medical posters drawn by artists at the NIH, representing topics from arthritis to women's health.

- 

Converging Pathways of Pain Research at NIDCR

Pain is a universally known and feared human condition, but it's also one of the least understood. Learn about NIH research on different facets of pain.