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# Preclinical efforts to support gonorrhea drug development

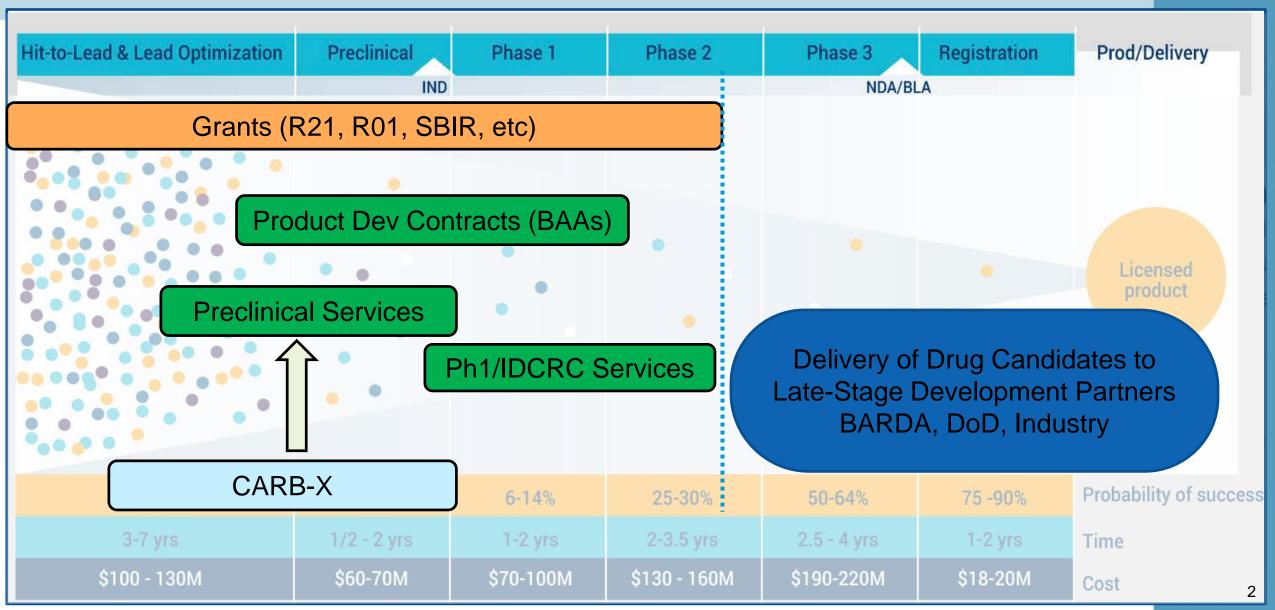
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Development Considerations of Antimicrobial Drugs for the Treatment of Gonorrhea



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## **DMID Support Reduces Risk for Product Development**



#### Pre-Clinical Services Supports Product Development by Extramural Investigators

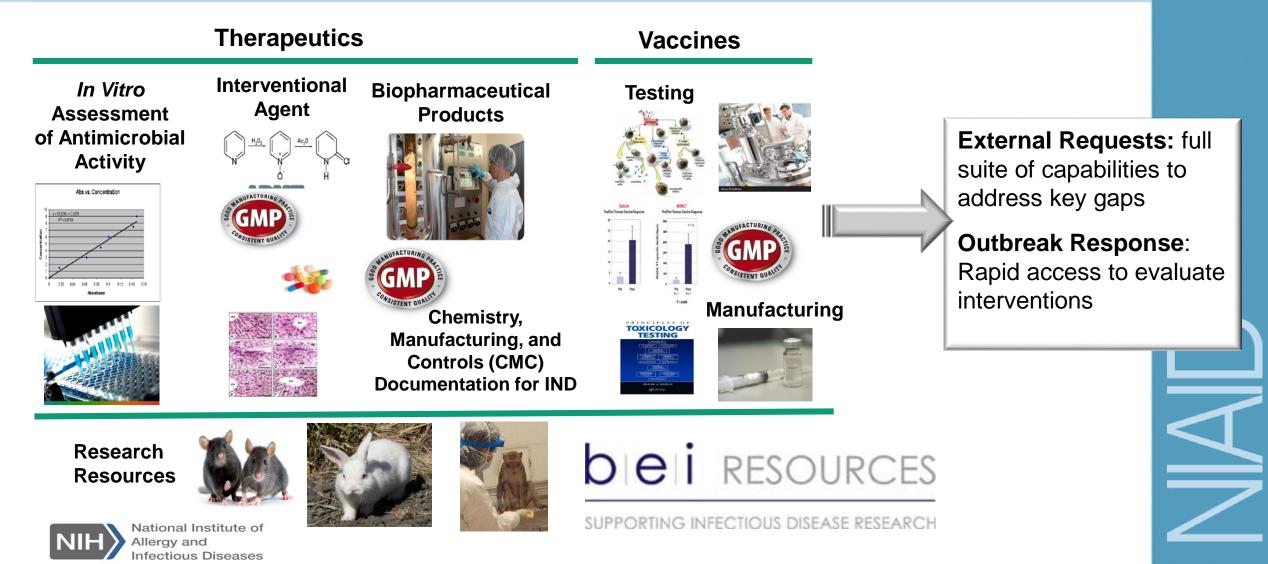


DMID supports extramural research to control and prevent diseases caused by virtually all human infectious agents, except HIV

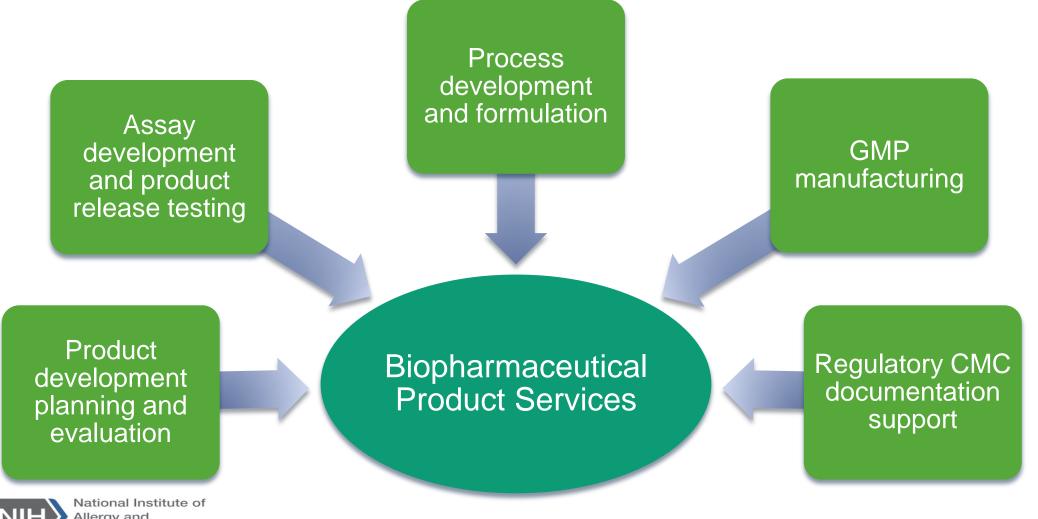
- DMID preclinical services programs:
  - Provide broad-based services supporting preclinical product development
  - Provide project or product-specific data
  - Provide difficult-to-source research reagents
  - Facilitate basic research through all phases of preclinical development
  - Are intended to be gap-filling
  - Have <u>no</u> requirement for existing NIAID or NIH funding

# **Preclinical Services:**

#### Provides critical data to evaluate candidate MCMs

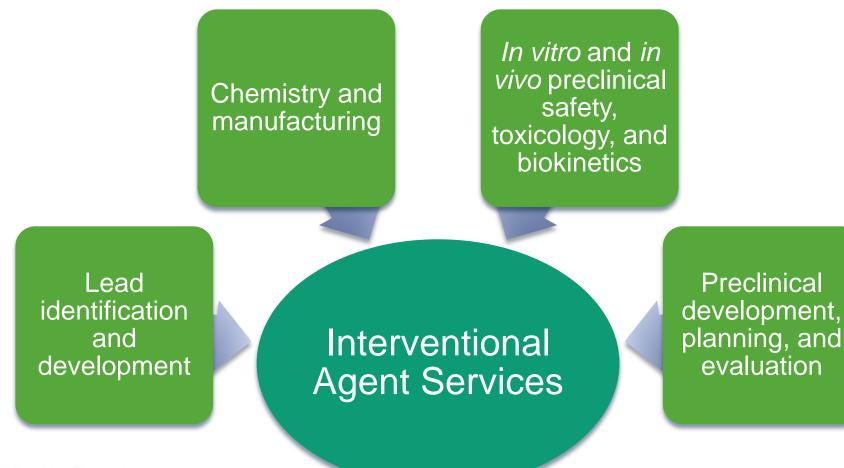


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## Neisseria gonorrhoeae MIC Testing Task Order

- In vitro Assessment of Antimicrobial Activity
  - 100 clinical isolates from the CDC Gonorrhea Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP)
    - Recent
    - Geographical diversity (U.S. only)
    - Diverse Abx sensitivities (< 0.125 ug/ml ceftriaxone)</li>
  - CLSI agar dilution method
  - 6 control antibiotics (Pen, Tet, Azi, Cip, Ceft, Cefx)
  - 2 months from receipt of compound(s)



#### Mouse gonorrhea infection model Task Order

- Preclinical models of infectious diseases
- Ovariectomized, 17B-estradiol treated BALB/c mouse model
- FA1090 Challenge strain
- Typical experiment:
  - Up to 10 groups of 5 mice per group
    - Baseline group sacrificed at 2hrs to determine dose
    - Ceftriaxone positive control group
    - Vehicle/negative control group
    - Test groups
      - Colony counts at 26hrs post challenge



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#### New diagnostics for gonorrhea

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Rapid diagnostic for gonorrhea wins \$19 million federal prize competition to combat antibiotic resistance



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