

Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute

2020: Rising to the challenge of an extraordinary year

In 2020, Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute successfully met unparalleled challenges of COVID-19, drawing on experience and capabilities built over decades. The institute's Vaccine Treatment and Evaluation Unit launched the world's first COVID-19 vaccine trial in record time and then continued to produce evidence regarding the safety and efficacy of vaccines needed to quell the global pandemic.

Meanwhile, our teams began studies to better understand, prevent, diagnose, and treat COVID-19—including work to better understand its spread and how it impacts other health conditions. We provided support to the Kaiser Permanente Washington care-delivery system through our Learning Health System Program, helping accelerate proactive outreach to thousands of members to ensure their care needs were met.

At the same time, the institute has continued to make significant contributions in areas where we have long excelled—mental health, cancer, healthy aging, patient safety, addiction, the prevention and treatment of common chronic illnesses, and more. We're leading efforts to find ways to manage pain using viable alternatives to opioids.

During this time of unprecedented social change, we're focused on research that addresses social determinants of health. We're helping communities and health organizations make care more equitable, accessible, and effective. And we're seeking ways to reduce ethnic and racial disparities in care.

Society's demand for research like ours is reflected in our operating budget, which grew more than 17% in 2020, topping \$64 million. This includes more than \$57 million in grants and contracts — a 25% increase over the previous year. Much of this growth comes from new work related to COVID-19, mental health, and finding safe alternatives to opioids for treatment of chronic pain. By leveraging our capabilities for research in large, real-world populations, we look forward to the challenges ahead.



2020 Revenue by sponsor (% of total)

Financial statement

Revenue

Federal grant and contract revenue	\$46.2 million
Other sponsored revenue	\$13.0 million
Kaiser Permanente support	\$5.1 million
Total revenues	\$64.3 million
Net gain/loss	\$0

Number of active grants and contracts



Grant and contract revenue (in millions per year)



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