



Fact Sheet

Abbott's Commitment to Nutrition Research and Development

Abbott has an 80-year tradition of advancing nutrition science. Abbott's nutrition research and development efforts focus on innovative solutions encompassing every life stage – from ensuring babies have a strong start to addressing the unique dietary needs of patients with serious illnesses.

Abbott is a world leader in delivering world-class nutrition products with significant advances in formulation and technology. In fact, in addition to developing the first infant formula Similac, Abbott created the first medical nutritional with Ensure. Abbott introduced the first diabetic nutritional with Glucerna, the first critical care nutritional with Oxepa and Prosure, the first therapeutic nutritional specially designed for cancer.

Dedicated R&D staff: Abbott Nutrition employs more than 400 scientists and engineers in the United States, Europe and Singapore. The staff has advanced degrees in fields such as nutrition and food science, chemistry, biology and engineering. Many Abbott scientists have published important discoveries explaining the impact of nutrition interventions on overall patient health.

Scientific leadership: Abbott Nutrition scientists work on a variety of programs, including product development, clinical studies in human nutrition, and package development. Among other innovations, Abbott scientists have pioneered:

- Infant formulas containing unique nutrient and ingredient blends that help advance the development of infants' eyes, brains, bones and immune systems and specially designed formulas to meet the unique dietary needs of premature and low-birth-weight babies
- Therapeutic nutrition products designed to meet the unique dietary needs of patients with serious illnesses such as diabetes, cancer, lung disease and kidney disease
- Safe, easy-to-use and award-winning food packages
- Novel ingredient processing techniques
- Widely-used analytical test methods

New research & development center for nutrition science: Abbott is opening the Abbott Nutrition Asia-Pacific Research and Development Center at the Biopolis in Singapore. Experienced Abbott scientists at the Center will lead research and clinical trials in topics such as food and sensory science, clinical nutrition science, novel ingredient evaluation and cognition science. It will enable Abbott scientists to tailor new ingredients, products and flavors and packages to Asian tastes and preferences.