
Accelerating Medical Solutions

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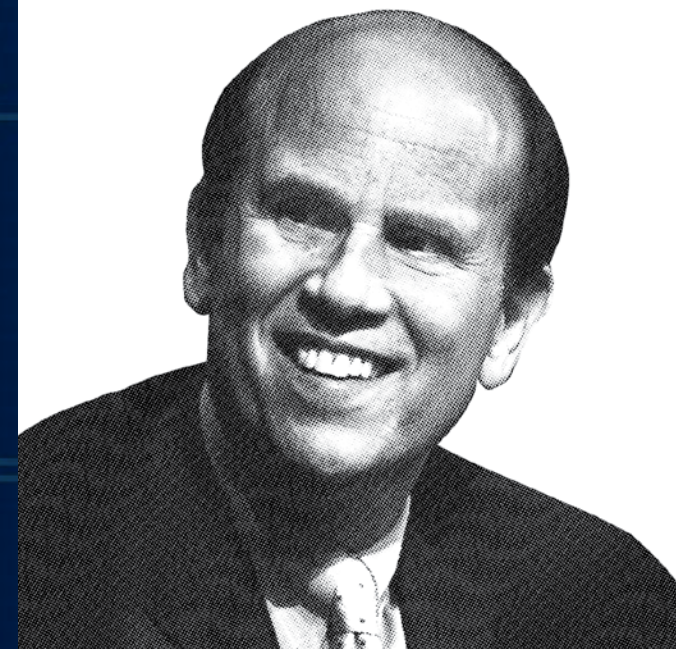
It's easy to take for granted the tremendous medical advances of the past century. It wasn't long ago, for instance, that something as mundane as an infected cut could have been lethal or that childhood leukemia—the most common form of which now has a 90 percent survival rate—was a virtual death sentence. A few decades from now, we hope, children will only know about many of today's deadliest diseases from what they read in their history books.

That's where *FasterCures* comes in—bridging and shortening the gap from where we are to where we can be. A center of the Milken Institute, *FasterCures* was formed to accelerate medical solutions. Today, for the first time in history, patients suffering many life-threatening diseases can realistically hope for a cure within their lifetimes.

The human benefits of this work are priceless: longer and healthier lives, less suffering, and more time with loved ones. The economic benefits include greater productivity, job creation, and reduced healthcare expenses. In fact, looking back over the past two centuries, at least half of all economic growth is attributable to advances in medical research and public health.

Just imagine what we can do looking forward.

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