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Hello,

Sometimes change can seem so incremental, you don't grasp its significance until years down the road. Other times, change happens with a bang—with innovations so monumental, they rapidly touch thousands or even millions of people's lives.

Both of these truths are reflected [in this list we've put together showing 20 years of world-changing global health innovations](#). And to inspire you further, we also look at some of the transformative breakthroughs that could save millions more lives in the next 20 years.

Which scientific innovations are we talking about? [Check them out in this graphic timeline](#). And then consider what these and other innovations have helped achieve: For starters, in just two decades, the number of children dying each year has been cut in half.

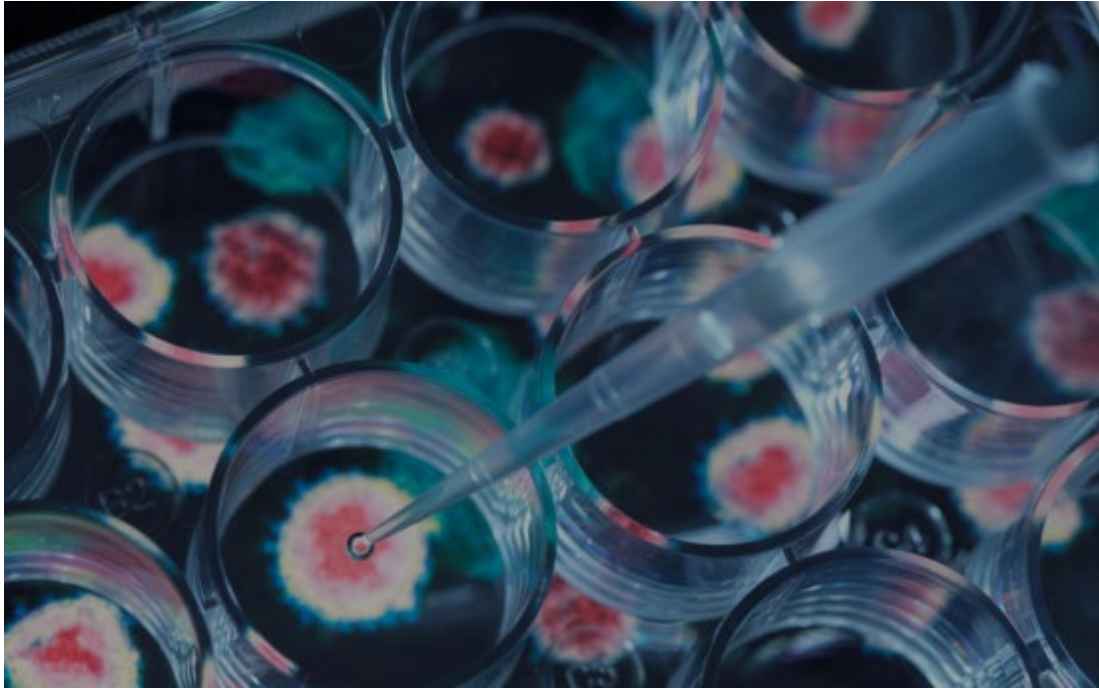
The progress is nothing short of stunning.

As for the next 20 years, if the world continues to invest in ambitious ideas, we can expect to see more remarkable innovations save even more lives—from [ultrasounds that use AI to the contraceptives of the future](#).

— The *Optimist* editors

Explore 20 years of progress

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What will health care look like 20 years in the future?

Let's look at some of the incredible innovations of the past 20 years and how they continue to save and improve lives around the world today.

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What big-deal health care breakthroughs are you excited about?

Right now, the world is working on new technologies, cures, medicines, and techniques to save millions of lives. There are lots of reasons to be hopeful for the future.

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