

Nobel Prizes in Diabetes

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Elimination of illness from societies, its causes, recognition and its inhibition has been the main concern and motivational drive of compassionate scholars and scientists in their everlasting efforts in all the time.

These life saving efforts has resulted to unrivaled achievements where by development and integration of knowledge in different scientific fields and by annihilating deadly disease, has enabled to bring hope and promise of healthy and quality life to mankind. These efforts with their highly valuable achievements, contributed significantly to elimination and inhibition of deadly diseases, whereby they brought hope and promise of a return to the quality of life to human societies.

Diabetes, because of its growing trend, and the corrosive effects on individuals and societies, has always been an important motivational factor in scientific orientation of a group of well-known scientists in the world. Among these studies, some scholars in the past century were able to contribute a remarkable change in the process of diabetes treatment.

The discovery of insulin was the first major step along with all the related studies and knowledge that have been gained.

Valuable results of these studies brought them the highest scientific award, i.e. Noble prize, as the merit dedicating from scientific societies. In this study, we present a short report about diabetes and its variants, and some of the well known scholars and their Noble prizes in the field of diabetes and related complications.

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