

It is one of the five Nobel Prizes established by the 1895 will of Alfred Nobel (who died in 1896), awarded for outstanding contributions in chemistry, physics, literature, peace, and physiology or medicine. The Nobel Prize in Physiology / Medicine has been awarded 106 times to 210 Nobel Laureates between 1901 and 2015.

Here is a list of prize winners and their related discoveries for the last ten years:

Year	Winner	Discovery
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William C. Campbell and Satoshi Omura • Youyou Tu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novel therapy against infections caused by roundworm parasites • Novel therapy against Malaria
2014	John O'Keefe, May-Britt Moser and Edvard I. Moser	Cells that constitute a positioning system in the brain
2013	James E. Rothman, Randy W. Schekman and Thomas C. Südhof	Machinery regulating vesicle traffic, a major transport system in our cells
2012	Sir John B. Gurdon and Shinya Yamanaka	Mature cells can be reprogrammed to become pluripotent
2011	Bruce A. Beutler and Jules A. Hoffmann	The activation of innate immunity
2010	Robert G. Edwards	The development of in vitro fertilization (IVF)
2009	Elizabeth H. Blackburn, Carol W. Greider and Jack W. Szostak	How chromosomes are protected by telomeres and the enzyme telomerase"
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harald zur Hausen • Françoise Barré-Sinoussi and Luc Montagnier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human papilloma viruses causing cervical cancer • Identification of Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) as the cause of AIDS
2007	Mario R. Capecchi, Sir Martin J. Evans and Oliver Smithies	Principles for introducing specific gene modifications in mice by the use of embryonic stem cells
2006	Andrew Z. Fire and Craig C. Mello	RNA interference - gene silencing by double-stranded RNA