

# Exploring for tomorrow's medicines



**Oil and natural gas are vital to health care**

Most Americans know oil and natural gas heat our homes and get us where we need to go. What many may not know is just how vital they are to the products that cure illness and keep us healthy.

Oil and natural gas provide vital building blocks for the development and manufacture of lifesaving medicines. Polymers derived from oil and natural gas are used in virtually every

aspect of health care – from replacement joints to pacemakers.

The U.S. oil and natural gas industry supports more than 9.2 million American jobs and contributes more than \$1 trillion each year to the U.S. economy.\* And by providing vital feedstocks to make a wide range of products, from health care to agriculture to electronics, oil and natural gas contribute in ways most of us haven't even imagined.

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\*The Economic Impacts of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry on the U.S. Economy: Employment, Labor Income and Value Added, PricewaterhouseCoopers, September 2009 (Sponsored by API)