

The Process Technology Review

You've submitted a "New Invention Notification" to UNeMed, the technology transfer and commercialization office for all Omaha campuses at the University of Nebraska. *Here's a quick glance at what happens next...*



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NOTE: Even though UNeMed has received your New Invention Notification, it is important to remember that you should continue avoiding [public disclosures](#) about the technology until UNeMed has completed the review process.



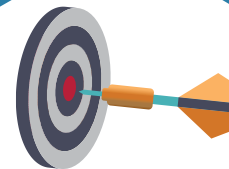
Preliminary Review **1**

First, UNeMed reviews the disclosure for any omissions or other gaps. Small mistakes are not uncommon, but it's important to find and correct them early. Often,

this usually means finding contractual things involved with research that might impose restrictions. Examples include material transfer agreements, confidential disclosure agreements, sponsored research agreements and grants. UNeMed will also take a broad look at the overall context of the disclosed technology, but NOT the scientific merits of the innovation.

Patent & Literature Search **2**

It is important to know if any prior art exists. Prior art refers to any mention of a similar invention in the patent or published literature. To receive a patent, an invention must be considered novel, useful and non-obvious. Prior art poses a significant problem to obtaining a patent, but that doesn't mean the end of the road for an invention and its further development. Discovering prior art could simply lead UNeMed to pursue an alternate route of commercialization, or perhaps guide the inventor toward more fertile ground within their field.



Market Analysis **3**

Next, UNeMed assesses the invention's potential commercial impact. UNeMed examines the intended market, its overall size and growth potential. This information will help inform how an invention may fit within the industry landscape, and how well it might be received alongside existing products. Identifying potential competitors is also a critically important part of establishing a preliminary list of prospective licensees at this stage.

Final Review **4**

Results of the previous steps are presented to UNeMed's Science and Technology Advisory Committee, which then determines the next course of action. One possible outcome is "Market-Protect," where UNeMed seeks intellectual property protection while marketing the invention to partners who can support further development. Some inventions are "closed," but that doesn't mean the invention has no scientific value. It just means UNeMed will not be able to commercialize that particular technology. It's not uncommon for an inventor to modify a closed invention into something new and more commercially viable.

