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Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute Facts

Missions:

- To advance scientific knowledge relevant to childhood cancer
- To accelerate the translation of knowledge into novel therapies
- To eliminate cancer at all ages through discovery, development and dissemination of scientific knowledge relevant to childhood cancer

History:

The Children's Cancer Research Institute (CCRI) was created in 1999 by the 76th session of the Texas Legislature, which set aside \$200 million in an endowment from tobacco settlement receipts for The University of Texas Health Science at San Antonio to "establish, maintain and operate a children's cancer center." In February 2004, leaders including the director of the National Cancer Institute celebrated the dedication of the \$50 million research building and opened its doors for recruiting outstanding scientists.

Structure:

The Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute is organized around several major programs and shared core facilities, and is composed of an interdisciplinary group of faculty spanning multiple departments and schools of the Health Science Center. The major programs include cancer genetics, experimental therapeutics and cancer control. Faculty members bring expertise from many disciplines.

Foundational Theme:

A complete understanding of the genetic and molecular mechanisms underlying pediatric cancers will lead to improvements with a positive impact not just on childhood cancers but also cancer at all ages.

Location:

The state-of-the-art research building is on the Greehey Academic and Research Campus, and contains 100,000 square feet of laboratory and office space for principal investigator teams. The Greehey Academic and Research Campus also includes the School of Allied Health Sciences Building and the Robert F. McDermott Clinical Science Building, and is to include the planned South Texas Research Facility.