91 YEARS AGO THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER (TMC) TOOK THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD BECOMING THE WORLD’S LARGEST MEDICAL COMPLEX.


1925 Hermann Hospital opens to the public and admits its first patient.

1936 Monroe Anderson and trustees establish MD Anderson Foundation with $300,000.

1942 The University of Texas creates MD Anderson Hospital of Cancer and Research of The University of Texas, the first member institution of TMC.

1943 The City of Houston provides 134 acres next to Hermann Hospital to establish a hospital district. Baylor University College of Medicine moves from Dallas to Houston and becomes a member of TMC.

1950 Leopold Meyer starts building a three-story, 106-bed Texas Children’s Hospital.

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1976 Hermann Hospital launches Life Flight, the first private hospital air ambulance service.

1980 Texas Heart Institute releases first patient in the world with an electric, portable, battery-powered heart pump.

1990 Researchers from Rice University and Baylor College of Medicine discover a way to grow blood vessels and capillaries.

2000 Texas Children’s Hospital delivers Perkins sextuplets—the only surviving sextuplets in Texas—at 30 weeks.

2012 TMC launches the Innovation Institute, the first of five institutes, developed to foster collaboration across the member institutions.

2014 Over 150 member and community leaders gather to discuss the future of TMC and position it as the world’s leader in life sciences.

2015 The Health Policy Institute is launched in 2015. TMC Health Policy is the second of five collaborative programs created by TMC to elevate the collective resources of its member institutions on a national and global scale.

Since then, TMC has pioneered medical innovations bordering on the impossible. Many of these advancements continue to change people’s lives. This timeline celebrates our milestones and breakthroughs, and the profound impact they’ve made across the entire spectrum of patient care.