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Texas Medical Center and TMC³ Founding Institutions Chart Unprecedented Course for Life Sciences with New Research Campus

TMC³ biomedical research hub will cluster researchers and industry experts

HOUSTON, April 23, 2018 – Founding TMC³ institutions – Texas Medical Center (TMC), Baylor College of Medicine, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, today announced a 30-acre collaborative research campus with an anticipated groundbreaking in 2019 and completion in 2022. The forthcoming health care nexus will bridge the geographic gap between TMC’s existing clinical and research campuses and establish Houston as an international hub for biomedical research.

The project will include more than 1.5 million square feet and bring together leading researchers with a host of top-tier expertise from the private sector. The project marks the first time the founding institutions have built and shared space on a major scale in the Texas Medical Center.

“The TMC³ campus will establish Houston as the *Third Coast* for life sciences, attracting the best scientific minds from around the globe,” said Texas Medical Center President and Chief Executive Officer William F. McKeon. “With researchers working hand-in-hand alongside industry titans on this new campus, Texas Medical Center as a whole will further advance its position as a preeminent global player in life sciences.”

The groundbreaking project will generate a \$5.2 billion stimulus to Texas and create 30,000 new jobs, according to a third-party economic impact study¹. Researchers will pioneer advancements in therapeutics, medical devices, regenerative medicine, genomics, and data science, among other areas.

“The new 30-acre research campus will provide our top medical minds with the resources to remain at the forefront of the health care industry,” said Governor Greg Abbott. “This cutting-edge facility will not only generate thousands of jobs, but it will solidify Texas’ position as an international leader in biomedical research. I thank the Texas Medical Center, UTHealth, UT MD Anderson, Texas A&M University and Baylor College of Medicine for being a part of this transformative project, and for their continued commitment to changing the world through advancements in health care.”

The centerpiece of the TMC³ campus – resembling the indelible double helix shape of a DNA strand – will be a multi-story building spanning nearly the entire length of the 30-acre complex. The shared facility will include core laboratories, restaurants, retail and commercial space.

“TMC³ will move Houston much farther into the forefront as a global hub for biomedical research, leading to more innovation in this great city that has repeatedly remade itself as a global leader for science and innovation,” Mayor Sylvester Turner said. “More than ever, people who chart the course for the future will want to work, live and play in Houston.”

The crown jewel of the facility will be an elevated park designed by famed High Line landscape architect James Corner. The rooftop park – which will be open to the public – will soar 60 feet above the campus, offer sweeping views of downtown Houston, and feature gardens, walking and running trails.

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¹ *Economic impact study by Silverlode Consulting, November 2017.*

The new campus city center will also boast the TMC Hotel and Conference Center, which will be a destination for leading experts to convene. “We want to drive collaboration, and we know that happens when top researchers innovate side-by-side. Breakthroughs do not just happen in the laboratory,” McKeon said, “They also take place over coffee, on group runs, or during chance encounters with colleagues. The TMC³ campus will foster unparalleled opportunity for new discoveries on a daily basis.”

About Texas Medical Center

With a campus of more than 50 million square feet, Texas Medical Center (TMC) is the largest medical city in the world. TMC nurtures cross-institutional collaboration among its member institutions and the 110,000 employees who care for over 10 million patients annually. Texas Medical Center promotes the highest standards of patient care, research and education. For more information, please visit tmc.edu.

About Baylor College of Medicine

[Baylor College of Medicine](#) in Houston is recognized as a premier academic health sciences center and is known for excellence in education, research and patient care. It is the only private medical school in the greater southwest and is ranked 16th among medical schools for research and 5th for primary care by *U.S. News & World Report*. Baylor is listed 20th among all U.S. medical schools for National Institutes of Health funding and number one in Texas. Located in the Texas Medical Center, Baylor has affiliations with seven teaching hospitals and jointly owns and operates Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center, part of CHI St. Luke’s Health. Currently, Baylor trains more than 3,000 medical, graduate, nurse anesthesia, physician assistant and orthotics students, as well as residents and post-doctoral fellows. Follow Baylor College of Medicine on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About The Texas A&M University System

The Texas A&M University System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a budget of \$4.7 billion. Through a statewide network of 11 universities and 7 state agencies, the Texas A&M system educates more than 152,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceeded \$972 million in FY 2016 and helped drive the state’s economy.

About UTHealth

Established in 1972 by [The University of Texas System Board of Regents](#), The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) is Houston’s Health University and Texas’ resource for health care education, innovation, scientific discovery and excellence in patient care. The most comprehensive academic health center in [the UT System](#) and the U.S. Gulf Coast region, UTHealth is home to [Jane and Robert Cizik School of Nursing](#), [John P. and Kathrine G. McGovern Medical School](#), and schools of [biomedical informatics](#), [biomedical sciences](#), [dentistry](#) and [public health](#). UTHealth includes [The University of Texas Harris County Psychiatric Center](#), as well as the growing clinical practices [UT Physicians](#), [UT Dentists](#) and [UT Health Services](#). The university’s primary teaching hospitals are [Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center](#), [Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital](#) and [Harris Health Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital](#). For more information, visit www.uth.edu.

About MD Anderson

[The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center](#) in Houston ranks as one of the world’s most respected centers focused on cancer patient care, research, education and prevention. The institution’s sole mission is to end cancer for patients and their families around the world. MD Anderson is one of only 49 comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). MD Anderson is ranked No.1 for cancer care in U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Hospitals” survey. It has ranked as one of the nation’s top two hospitals for cancer care since the survey began in 1990 and has ranked first 13 times in the last 16 years. MD Anderson receives a cancer center support grant from the NCI of the National Institutes of Health (P30 CA016672).

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Hi-res images and video of TMC³ are available for media download at tmc.edu.

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