

The History of Texas Medical Center

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

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.



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



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



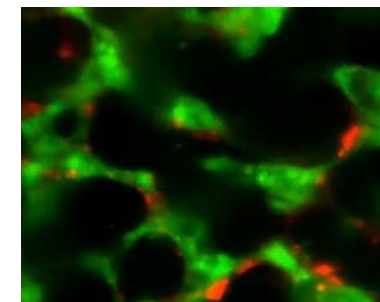
1950
Leopold Meyer starts building a three-story, 106-bed Texas Children's Hospital.



1968
Dr. Denton Cooley performs one of the first heart transplants in the U.S. at Texas Heart Institute.



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



2011
Researchers from Rice University and Baylor College of Medicine discover a way to grow blood vessels and capillaries.



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.

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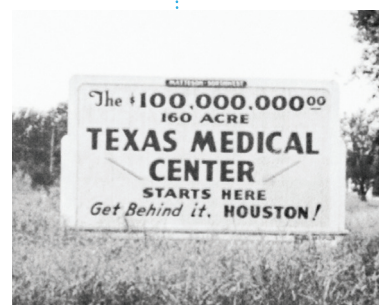
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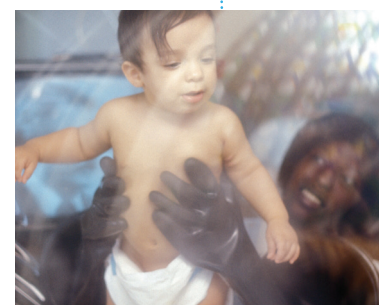
1936
Monroe Anderson and trustees establish MD Anderson Foundation with \$300,000.



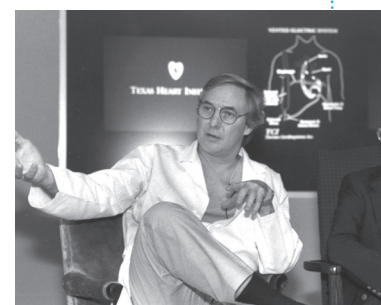
1943
The City of Houston provides 134 acres next to Hermann Hospital to establish a hospital district. Baylor University College of Medicine moves from Dallas to Houston and becomes a member of TMC.



1964
Dr. Michael DeBakey performs world's first coronary artery bypass procedure at The Methodist Hospital.



1971
Texas Children's Hospital collaborates with NASA to construct plastic isolator bubble for boy born with severe immune disorder.



1991
Texas Heart Institute releases first patient in the world with an electric, portable, battery-powered heart pump.



2012
Texas Children's Hospital delivers Perkins sextuplets—the only surviving sextuplets in Texas—at 30 weeks.

2014
TMC launches the Innovation Institute, the first of five institutes, developed to foster collaboration across the member institutions.

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.