

## Construction of Medical Research Building Begins



The medical center will accommodate more than 600 scientists, physicians, nurses and researchers.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The University of Rochester Medical Center, with \$50 million in aid from the state and a \$40 million award from the National Institutes of Health, broke ground on the Clinical and Translational Science Building in October.

The Institute will house more than 600 scientists, physicians, nurses, statisticians, research administrators and support staff. The four-story, 200,000-square-foot building will have several clinical research programs and resources that are now scattered throughout the Medical Center.

"This building will not only help transform medical science and improve health in Rochester and beyond, but it also represents an important community investment in the type of research enterprise that can be a catalyst for regional economic growth," says Joel Seligman, University of Rochester president.

The Institute is projected to create hundreds of permanent jobs and inject \$30 million a year into the community. Construction of the building is expected to support about 830 jobs through completion.

Medical Center officials plan to spend an estimated \$300 million during the next several years on new facilities, including the institute, which will cost about \$77 million. Two years ago, the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry was one of 12 institutions to receive a Clinical and Translational Science Award from the NIH.

"The NIH grant and the support from Albany will enable us to fundamentally re-engineer the way we conduct medical research in a manner that allows us to harness basic research to improve health," says David Guzik, dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry and principal investigator of the Clinical and Translational Science Award.

Philadelphia-based architect Francis Cauffman, along with Rochester-based engineer Bergmann Associates, and BR&A Engineers, of Boston, designed the structure. LeChase Construction of Rochester will manage construction of the building, which is set for completion in summer 2010.

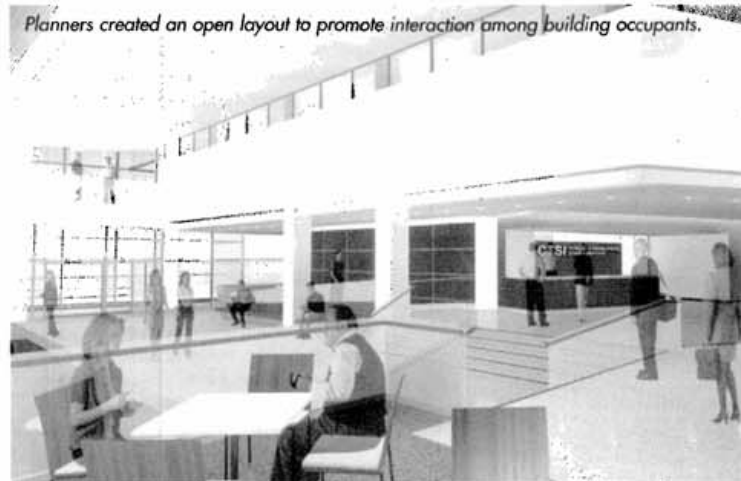
Conference rooms will be located on the ground floor along with a clinical

research suite. The upper floors will house research programs including neurological disorders, cancer, pediatrics, biostatistics and bioinformatics and cardiovascular disease.

The open layout of the building aims to encourage interaction and collaboration with meeting rooms and break rooms

for researchers, according to planners.

The positioning of windows and layout of office space was designed to allow natural light to enter the interior and passive heating. The Medical Center will seek LEED certification, which would make it the first with that designation on the University's campus.



Planners created an open layout to promote interaction among building occupants.

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