
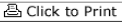


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## Jefferson in new research consortium

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Thomas Jefferson University is allying with three Delaware institutions – Christiana Care Health System, Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children and the University of Delaware - to speed basic science developments in medicine to the patient bedside.


The new consortium will be known as the Delaware Valley Institute for Clinical and Translational Science.

In addition to working on new therapies, the group will study when, how and where care is best delivered.

One of the goals is also to attract research grants.

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## NEWLY FORMED INSTITUTE TO TRANSFORM HOW RESEARCH BECOMES PATIENT-RELEVANT PRACTICE

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Four notable medical and educational institutions have formed a landmark consortium that is expected to streamline the way bench science is translated into bedside practice that could benefit millions of people. Christiana Care Health System, Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Thomas Jefferson University and the University of Delaware will pool their talents and expertise as the **Delaware Valley Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (DVICTS)**.

The Institute brings together the capabilities of four primary medical and educational institutions with close affiliations to three other academic institutions, 33 hospitals, over 130 research and clinical specialty centers and 14 schools and colleges. Innovative collaborations will be established between experts in medical practice, health economics and policy, population sciences, public health, and biomedical and materials sciences. The primary goal will be not only to develop new therapies and programs but also to improve when, how and where healthcare is delivered. The DVICTS will be led by a steering committee of 12 individuals—three representatives from each of the four lead institutions.

"We're using our strengths, sharing our data, involving the communities and eliminating the usual compartmentalized infrastructure to open the doors to new ideas," explains Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, President, Thomas Jefferson University. "Our education plan is a key component—being jointly developed with our partners. We're training a new cadre of scientists who will understand both the clinical and translational side of medicine."

"Discoveries that could fuel groundbreaking, real-world practices are limitless," emphasizes Robert Laskowski, MD, President and CEO, Christiana Care Health System. "The DVICTS will have a direct impact on the lives of people in Delaware, southeastern Pennsylvania and southwestern New Jersey."

Joint projects of member institutions are already underway. Molecular genetic markers are being developed to tailor and individualize cancer therapy and research is being carried out on the use and applications of proton beam therapy (housed at Jefferson) for cancer treatment. A

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- Reduce the time it takes for laboratory discoveries to become treatments for patients
- Engage communities in clinical research efforts
- Train the next generation of clinical and translational researchers

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## DELAWARE VALLEY INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

- Christiana Care Health System
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- Thomas Jefferson University
- University of Delaware

## **CTSA APPLICATION**

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- **Transformational Proposal: (work in progress)**
- Train the next generation of clinical and translational health related professionals
- Develop new methodologies for translation of research into community settings
- Improve population health in the Delaware Valley

## **CTSA KEY FUNCTION AREAS**

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- DEVELOPMENT OF NOVEL CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL METHODOLOGIES
- PILOT AND COLLABORATIVE TRANSLATIONAL AND CLINICAL STUDIES
- BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS
- RESEARCH DESIGN, EPIDEMIOLOGY, BIOSTATISTICS AND CLINICAL RESEARCH ETHICS
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- PARTICIPANT AND CLINICAL INTERACTIONS RESOURCES
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH
- TRANSLATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES AND RESOURCES
- RESEARCH EDUCATION, TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT
- EVALUATION

## **DVICTS STEERING COMMITTEE**

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- Vicky Funanage
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- Nicholas Petrelli
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- Brian Little

### **University of Delaware:**

- Carolyn Thoroughgood
- Thomas Buchanan
- Doug Doren

## **Deadlines**

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- Application submission June 1, 2009
- Finished Application for Review – March 24, 2009

## **Thank You**

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## **POTENTIAL CORPORATE PARTNERS FOR DVICTS**

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