



# CHARTING PROGRESS

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## Facility Includes Many Technological Advances School of Dentistry Opens New Building for Clinical Practice

The University of Texas Health Science Center’s School of Dentistry has a new home for UT Dentistry, the school’s faculty practice. Located at 8210 Floyd Curl in the heart of the South Texas Medical Center, the building is on land provided by the San Antonio Medical Foundation.

### School of Dentistry Major Research Strengths

Stem cell and tissue regeneration  
Care of patients with diabetes  
Salivary gland dysfunction  
Pain and Inflammation  
Oral Cancer

The new Center for Oral Health Care & Research provides a state-of-the-art site for patient care and a learning environment for teaching dental students, dental hygiene students and dental residents.

The many technological advances in the four-story, 198,000-square-foot building include:

- A dental surgery operating room and overnight recovery area built to hospital specifications.
- Extra-large monitors in the exam and surgical area to give a better view of dental images.
- 400 new dental chairs with the latest digital lighting and examination equipment.
- An ecologically friendly, automated system that cleans water lines and treats waste water at the dental chair.
- The latest instrument management and sterilization systems that comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regulations.

Located adjacent to the Medical Arts & Research Center, the clinical home of UT Medicine San Antonio, the location facilitates referrals, enhances educational experiences and promotes dental research as a component of good overall health.

“The bridge built to connect these two buildings is both functional and symbolic,” said William L. Henrich, M.D., MACP, president of the UT Health Science Center San Antonio. “The walkway facilitates interdisciplinary work among our medical and dental students, as well as our faculty clinicians and researchers.”

School of Dentistry Dean William Dodge, D.D.S., said patients at the new center receive the latest evidence-based care in 12 specialties from faculty members who are national and international leaders in their fields.

Major research strengths in the School of Dentistry include stem cell and tissue regeneration, improvements in care for patients with diabetes, salivary gland dysfunction, pain and inflammation and oral cancer.

More than 200 dental students provide patient care each year and are supervised by more than 150 School of Dentistry faculty members.

The building is only the second clinical location for the School of Dentistry since the school began in 1970. Groundbreaking took place in 2012.



*The new home of UT Dentistry*

## Sebelius to Deliver Educational Program Foundation Schedules Annual Educational Luncheon



*Kathleen Sebelius*

Kathleen Sebelius, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and a leading voice on healthcare in America, will speak on March 8 at a luncheon at Oak Hills Country Club. Her address is sponsored by the San Antonio Medical Foundation as the annual centerpiece of the foundation’s educational program.

From April 2009-June 2014, Sebelius served in President Barack Obama’s cabinet as Secretary of Health and Human Services, a department that includes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the Office of the Surgeon General, the Office of Head Start and several others.

She led the President’s charge for passage of the Affordable Care Act, often called “Obamacare,” and launched reforms to the nation’s health delivery system. She championed new public-private strategies to bring life-saving drugs and devices to market and to accelerate the microscope-to-marketplace pipeline for new cures. Her work also included overseeing development of a new food safety system and establishment of new regulatory authority over tobacco products.

When she served as governor of Kansas from 2003-2009, *Time* magazine named her one of America’s Top Five Governors and *Forbes* named her one of the 100 most powerful women in the world.

Please save the March 8 date and plan to attend the annual educational luncheon. Check the Foundation’s website at [www.samedfoundation.org](http://www.samedfoundation.org) for details.



## Health Science Center Launches Dementia Institute

The UT Health Science Center has announced the establishment of South Texas' first Institute for Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative Disease, supported by \$35 million in donations.

Designed as a comprehensive care center, the institute will feature expert diagnostics; physician specialists in Alzheimer's, related dementias, Parkinson's and other diseases; support programs for caregivers; and access to clinical trials of new therapies.

The institute will include experts currently on the Health Science Center faculty as well as others who will be recruited, including an internationally respected institute director.

To open in 2016, the institute will be located at the Medical Arts & Research Center, the clinical practice of the School of Medicine

From 2014-2025, the number of Texans with Alzheimer's is projected to grow by 48.5 percent, from 330,000 to 490,000. Texas ranks third in the nation in the estimated number of Alzheimer's cases. Because Hispanics are about 1.5 times more likely to have Alzheimer's disease and other dementias than non-Hispanic populations, San Antonio may see even larger increases.

## Ronald McDonald to Add Second House in Medical Center

The South Texas Medical Center will have a second Ronald McDonald house to serve cancer patients when construction is completed in about two years. To be located on Charles Katz near

the first Ronald McDonald facility, the new building will more than double the number of bedrooms.

"We're full almost every night," said Pat Bivin, executive director for Ronald McDonald Charities, who said the capital campaign to fund construction is continuing.

The 28,000-square-foot facility with 21 bedrooms will include a five-bedroom wing for bone marrow and solid organ transplant patients. Open 24/7, the facility will have three full-time staff members during the day and rotating shifts at night and on weekends.

## START Project Moves to Next Step

South Texas Accelerated Research Therapeutics (START) has selected the company, WuXi NextCODE, which will sequence the genome from cancer samples collected during the last three years. The multi-million dollar project ultimately will make the genomic information from more than 1,000 specimens available to researchers.

The project will perform whole genome sequencing on tumors from patients with the 10 most common cancers: breast, lung, prostate, skin, colorectal, uterine, pancreatic, ovarian, stomach and brain. The tumor tissue and sample of healthy tissue from the same patients have been collected from volunteers since 2012.

Data will be available online from the cloud to registered users. It will include associated patient clinical information, provided anonymously, so researchers can potentially make connections between that information and the genomic database.

Dr. Anthony Tolcher, director of clinical research at START, calls the project a community effort, since it involves more than 100 doctors, volunteers and donor patients.

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