

Texas Medical Center Institutions

Texas Medical Center's 49 institutions offer diverse research, planning, and other support services to the health professionals within the Texas Medical Center.

- **Baylor College of Medicine (BCM)** has affiliations with eight teaching hospitals. Many BCM physicians are national and international experts, and together they offer an incredible array of services, from primary care to highly specialized areas of expertise. Patients have access to the latest advances in medicine thanks to close collaborations with BCM's leading scientists.
- **Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions** offers students interested in science and health careers an alternative to the traditional high school experience. Its ethnically diverse faculty is dedicated to offering students an excellent introductory study of medicine combined with a solid college preparatory program which requires courses in upper level science and mathematics.
- **City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services** is the local agency is primarily responsible for the overall public health services of city residents. This agency helps the Texas Medical Center develop and implement planning and programs for disasters and other phenomenon which affect public health.
- **Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center** is a non-profit organization that has grown to serve over 170 health care institutions in a 26-county Texas Gulf Coast region. The center is recognized worldwide for its quality assurance programming, state of the art technologies and management expertise.
- **Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences** investigates sudden death in order to determine cause and manner of death, preserves evidence, contributes to public health/safety surveillance, analyzes physical evidence, and provides expert testimony in courts of law. The Institute's Forensic Pathology Service and the Crime Laboratory Service are jointly committed to serving the community by creating and maintaining a dynamic academic environment to maximize awareness of the forensic sciences and by being in the forefront of utilizing the latest methodologies and technologies.
- **Harris County Medical Society** is the largest county medical society in the United States, with a membership of more than 10,000 physicians and medical students. Established in 1903, it is the professional organization for physicians in Harris County.
- **Houston Hospice** was founded in 1980 and is Houston's oldest and largest independent hospice. Houston Hospice is a non-profit, community based and supported organization providing in-home care as well as care in residential facilities.
- **Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library** serves as one of eight Regional Medical Libraries for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine in the United States. Currently, the Library contains 76,500 square feet of space, and holds over 357,000 book and journal volumes. Additionally, the Library has subscriptions to over 170 electronic databases and over 9,000 electronic journals.
- **Houston Community College System, Health Science Programs** offer training for a vital and growing industry cluster for Houston, the state of Texas and the nation. Among all occupations in the economy, health care occupations are expected to grow the fastest over the next ten years. In 2004, the HCC Board approved the separation of the Coleman College for Health Sciences from HCC-Southeast College.
- **The Institute of Spirituality and Health** supports the religious and spiritual aspects of health and healing within the Medical Center's institutions and calls for the integration of religion and spirituality in the healing process. Research projects revolve around healing, faith, ethics, and policy. All through the year, the Institute offers a series of programs designed to highlight the role of spirituality in medical practice.

- **LifeGift Organ Donation Center** is a not-for-profit organ procurement organization that recovers organs and tissue for individuals needing transplants in 109 Texas counties in North, Southeast and West Texas. The organization coordinates organ and tissue recovery with surgeons, other transplant professionals and transplant centers.
- **Ronald McDonald House of Houston** offers a “home away from home” for families with children being treated at a Texas Medical Center institution for cancer or other serious illnesses. They also support cancer research and medical treatment at Texas Children's Cancer Center.
- **Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing** prepares students of diverse economic, ethnic and cultural backgrounds as beginning nurse generalists and advanced practice nurses.
- **Rice University** is consistently ranked as one of the nation's best teaching and research universities. Rice attracts a diverse group of students with a range of academic studies that includes humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, architecture, music, and business management (graduate study only).
- **St. Dominic Village** is a faith based continuing care retirement community (CCRC) on the Texas Medical Center Campus. The continuum of care provides independent living, assisted living and nursing home care. The nursing home also includes a special care unit for those with dementia. Each level of the continuum provides a variety of services and amenities.
- **Texas A&M University Health Science Center – Institute of Biosciences and Technology** was founded in 1999 and is committed to improving the quality of healthcare through education and advanced and innovative molecular research in bioscience and medicine. The institute is divided into five research centers focusing on: cancer and stem cell biology, environmental and genetic medicine, infectious and inflammatory diseases, molecular development and disease and genome research.
- **Texas Heart Institute**, located within St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, is dedicated to preventing and treating cardiovascular disease and to share new knowledge worldwide. Institute physicians and scientists direct research efforts ranging from gene therapy to artificial hearts with research programs in cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, anesthesiology and pathology.
- **Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences** focuses on training African-Americans and other ethnic minorities in the provision of patient-centered care and other health care services and programs.
- **Texas Woman's University Institute of Health Sciences – Houston** opened in August, 2006. The 10-story, 202,000 square-foot “campus in one building” currently educates more than 1,300 students majoring in nursing, physical therapy, library science, healthcare administration, occupational therapy and nutrition.
- **University of Houston College of Pharmacy** offers a multiple degrees related to pharmaceuticals including a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and a Master of Science degree in pharmacy administration. The college also offers Doctor of Pharmacy degrees in pharmacology and pharmaceuticals.
- **University of Texas Harris County Psychiatric Center** is a teaching hospital, delivering a comprehensive program of psychiatric and psychosocial services to more than 6,100 inpatient admissions and 14,000 outpatient visits annually.
- **YMCA Child Care Center** has provided quality child care while parents perform their professional obligations within the Texas Medical Center since 1988. The center serves children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old.