Realizing the Vision

WISCONSIN INSTITUTES FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH — TOWER II

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WIMR II Research Floors

WIMR’s second tower will be home to scientists focused on understanding human disease in critical areas of medicine and public health and moving biomedical research into new and promising directions.

Ninth Floor
McPherson Eye Research Institute
Vision Gallery
Neuroscience

Eight Floor
Cardiovascular Research Center
Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Center

Seventh Floor
Oncology (Mcardle Laboratory for Cancer Research)

Sixth Floor
Oncology (Mcardle Laboratory for Cancer Research)

Fifth Floor
Neuroscience

Fourth Floor
Cell and Regenerative Biology

Third Floor
Neuroscience

Second Floor
Medical Physics and Radiology
Research Core Laboratories
(Molecular Diagnoses, Biorepository, optical Imaging, Proteomics, Biobank)

First Floor
Research Support Services

ART INSTALLATIONS

On the fifth floor, gracing the hallway connecting WIMR Tower II and WIMR Tower I, is a striking metal and light art installation suspended from the ceiling. Perhaps best seen at night, the horizontal art represents a network of neurons symbolizing the pathways of the brain. The piece is awash with ever-changing colors of green, pink, blue and lavender.

On the ninth floor, the McPherson Eye Research Institute’s Mandelbaum & Albert Family Vision Gallery promotes the interdisciplinary study and appreciation of vision science and visual art by serving as an active link between science and the humanities. Changing exhibits in this gallery (including The Delighted Eye, the current show of works from UW-Madison’s tandem Press) will bring artwork from the campus and beyond to this top-floor space in WIMR II.

History

1993
The Campus Planning Committee approves an Integrated Health Sciences Complex on the west end of campus.

2004
The Board of Regents approves construction of the interdisciplinary research center which is later named the Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research (WIMR). The facility is designed to bring research and clinical scientists together to work across disciplines and move basic discoveries more quickly from lab to bedside to community.

2005
Construction begins on WIMR Tower I. When complete, it will sit adjacent to UW Hospital and Clinics, the American Family Children’s Hospital and the Health Sciences Learning Center, and across from the schools of Pharmacy and Nursing and the Waisman Center.

2008
WIMR Tower I opens with laboratory space for cancer, surgery, orthopedic research and advanced imaging and radiation facilities.

2011
Construction begins on WIMR Tower II

2014
Grand opening of WIMR Tower II

The Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research has its roots in a belief that bringing together talented and inquisitive researchers—basic science, translational and clinical—from many disciplines to consider a specific scientific problem will yield creative, unexpected and beneficial results. Though a familiar concept today, UW-Madison was a pioneer in advancing this type of interdisciplinary investigation.

Today, we are opening the second great tower of the WIMR complex. It provides researchers, physician-scientists and population health experts with state-of-the-art facilities, open laboratories and unprecedented opportunities to work together. It is designed to enhance interdisciplinary biomedical research and to more quickly translate scientific discoveries into disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment that will enhance patient care.

Working in a building adjacent to UW Hospital and Clinic and the American Family Children’s Hospital, WIMR Tower II scientists can easily interact with clinicians and are within sight of the very patients whose lives they hope to improve. Tower II is also connected to the Health Sciences Learning Center, home of the School of Medicine and Public Health, and across from the schools of Pharmacy and Nursing and the Waisman Center, supporting productive connections among those who work to improve the health and well-being of Wisconsin residents.