Metabolic Diseases Institute

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Overview
In 2001, the University of Cincinnati (UC) Academic Health Center received a gift of land and facilities from Aventis Pharmaceuticals—a 360,000-square-foot facility in Reading, Ohio. In today’s market, this donation would be worth about $100 million. This gift set in motion a two-year, $44 million renovation of the vacant Aventis building. Out of that gift, which saved UC an estimated $125 million and one to two years of time necessary to build an equivalent facility, UC’s Reading Campus (formerly Genome Research Institute) was born.

The Metabolic Diseases Institute on UC’s Reading Campus is becoming a major force in the quest for international leadership in disease research and drug discovery.

Work by Metabolic Diseases Institute scientists makes its way into major scientific journals and scientific meetings. Researchers have attracted attention for studies on obesity and metabolic disorders, cardiovascular disease and cancer.

When the facility officially opened its doors in October 2003, it was predicted it would create 400 jobs. Already, close to 400 positions have been filled.

The Metabolic Diseases Institute draws top scientists to Cincinnati not only for the quality of life and cost of living here, but also for the opportunity to work in a first-class facility that has emphasized stimulating partnerships.

The state has rewarded the UC Metabolic Diseases Institute for its commitment to shared knowledge and job creation.

In 2002, the Metabolic Diseases Institute received $9 million from the Biomedical Research and Technology Transfer (BRTT) Commission's Partnership Award Program to promote current relationships.

In 2003, the Metabolic Diseases Institute hosted the Cincinnati "lighting" of the Third Frontier Network, a fiber-optic loop that will share information among institutions throughout Ohio.

Facts and Figures
Gifts and Grants
- $100 million gift of land and facilities from Aventis Pharmaceuticals, 2001
- $9 million Biomedical Research and Technology Transfer (BRTT) Commission's Partnership Award, 2002
- $1.7 million award from Hayes Investment Fund Competition, 2002

Infrastructure
- 10 buildings totaling 382,185 square feet
- 40 to 50 investigator-led laboratories

Directions
Map to UC’s Reading Campus (pdf)
From I-75 north:
Take exit 10B (Galbraith Road). NOTE: This is a left-lane exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right (east) onto Galbraith Road and proceed to 2180. The entrance to the facility will be on your left.

From I-75 south:
Take exit 10 (Galbraith Road), turn left (east) onto Galbraith and proceed to 2180. The entrance will be on your left.

From Cross County West:
Take the Reading Road/Galbraith Road exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto Galbraith. The entrance to the facility will be on your right.

From I-71 south:
Take exit 14 (Ronald Reagan Highway). Go right (west) off the exit ramp onto Cross County. Take Cross County to the Reading Road/Galbraith Road exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto Galbraith. The entrance to the facility will be on your right.