

Feature Story



Thanks to You: Successful Campaign for Stanford Medicine fueling medical advances

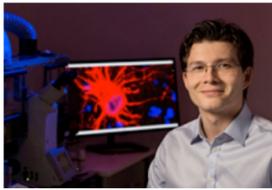
\$1.7 billion raised from more than 30,000 individuals, corporations, and foundations over four years is supporting key initiatives such as transforming cancer care, biomedical research, education, the building of the new Stanford Hospital, and many other priorities across Stanford Medicine. Hear directly from faculty and researchers about how philanthropy impacts their work in a series of videos. [Learn more >](#)

Stanford Medicine in the News



New study shows human umbilical cord blood's potential to rejuvenate learning and memory

Umbilical cord blood from human newborns, and in particular a single protein contained in it, showed the potential to boost old mice's brain function and cognitive performance in a new study by Stanford researchers. The findings could lead to new treatments for age-associated declines in mental ability. [Learn more >](#)



Stanford scientists assemble working human forebrain circuits in a lab dish

By fusing two stem-cell-derived neural spheroids, each containing a different type of human neuron, then watching as one set of neurons migrated and connected with the other set, these researchers have uncovered a novel and personalized method for studying psychiatric disorders. [Learn more >](#)



Bay Area expansion continues for Stanford Health Care with opening of new Emeryville site

A newly opened East Bay outpatient facility offers primary and specialty care, surgery rooms, and imaging services. Following Stanford's recent acquisition of ValleyCare Health System in Pleasanton, and the opening of a new South Bay Cancer Center in Los Gatos, the regional expansion plan also includes new care facilities in Redwood City and Burlingame. [Learn more >](#)

Giving Matters



Final gift to Campaign for Stanford Medicine honors parents of donor

With a strong belief in the power of philanthropy to impact the world, Th Nguyen created an endowment to support medical research. Here, she shares the story of her gift, which honors her parents, and why she journeyed to campus to join in the closing celebration for the Campaign for Stanford Medicine. [Learn more >](#)



New Mary M. and Sash A. Spencer Center for Vision Research established at Stanford

Thanks to a generous gift pledged by Mary Spencer in honor of her late husband, Sash, a new vision center will be established at the renowned Byers Eye Institute. The center will support innovative vision research and interdisciplinary collaborations with faculty across Stanford Medicine. [Learn more >](#)

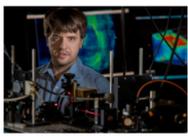


Taube Philanthropies makes gift to support collaborative Huntington's disease research

A recent gift from Taube Philanthropies will support a collaboration between Stanford Medicine and the Gladstone Institutes focused on research related to Huntington's disease. The generous donation is a continuation of the foundation's dedication to finding treatments and cures for neurodegenerative diseases. [Learn more >](#)

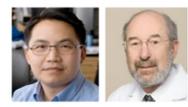
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Notable Faculty News



Stanford researcher receives Fresenius Research Prize, world's most valuable science award

Karl Deisseroth, MD, PhD, a Stanford University professor of bioengineering and of psychiatry, has won the 2017 Fresenius Research Prize for his pioneering work in two distinct biomedical technologies, optogenetics and hydrogel-tissue chemistry. The prize—the world's most valuable for scientific achievement—comes with a cash award of 4 million euros (\$4.47 million). [Learn more >](#)



National Cancer Institute names two Stanford researchers Outstanding Investigators

Stanford Professor of Dermatology Howard Chang, MD, PhD, and Professor of Oncology Ronald Levy, MD, have recently been named Outstanding Investigators by the National Cancer Institute. The grants of up to \$7 million over six years are awarded to investigators with outstanding track records of productivity in cancer research to support the advancement of their studies. [Learn more >](#)

Read about more recent notable [Stanford faculty honors, awards, and appointments](#). >

Recent Events



Fifth annual Health Matters community day attracts record crowds to campus

Enjoying more than a dozen faculty presentations and a variety of interactive exhibits, the more than 1,500 guests who attended Health Matters had the opportunity to learn about a range of health topics including sleep, nutrition, vision, heart health, mindfulness, longevity, weight control, and more. [Watch replays of the presentations online >](#)



Precision Health in action at Big Data in Biomedicine event

At this year's Big Data in Biomedicine Conference, held May 24-25 at the Li Ka Shing Center for Learning and Knowledge, Lloyd Minor, MD, dean of the School of Medicine, said a key goal is tackling population health and disease prevention, not just waiting for illness to strike. [Learn more >](#)

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