

Our Journey

A KEY PART OF OUR MISSION AS AN ACADEMIC medical center is to foster the search for new knowledge. In this regard, we have made truly remarkable headway.



The establishment of our first six new Centers of Excellence (*see page 6*) is an inspiring example of what we can achieve. These centers reflect some of our institution's greatest strengths. They are focused on many important health problems in the U.S. and around the world—addiction, Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, multiple sclerosis, skin diseases, and musculoskeletal diseases. And they have mobilized more than 260 outstanding scientists and clinical researchers to come together to work in highly collaborative, multidisciplinary groups. • The goal is to translate advances more swiftly into new and better ways of diagnosing and treating patients and preventing disease. I am deeply gratified by the enthusiastic response of our faculty to these new Centers of Excellence, which would not have been possible without their extraordinary expertise and commitment. Hundreds of clinicians and researchers from the Medical Center—and throughout the University—seized the opportunity to participate. • One of the most gratifying things we are experiencing this year is the phenomenally enthusiastic support that our donors have demonstrated for efforts like these. Not only have the centers received generous funding from trustees who share our vision, but, as you know, we have enjoyed a true outpouring of support, marked by several gifts of \$100 million or more (*see story on facing page*) from members of our board. • These gifts are a powerful endorsement of our efforts—and our talented team of physicians, scientists, nurses, faculty, and staff. •

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DEAN & CEO ROBERT I. GROSSMAN, M.D.