MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Our tour begins at the Knapp Center, which is also our starting point for the Reunion Headquarters. Although the University of Chicago began in 1892, it was not until 1908 that the University became involved in medicine. In 1922, the Hospitals and the School of Medicine opened their doors for the first time, under the direction of Frank Billings, MD. The University of Chicago Medicine and the University are the largest employers on the South Side of Chicago.

Start on 57th Street.

Continue south through the courtyard.

Continue west on 59th Street.

Continue north on Maryland Avenue.

The Donnelley Biological Sciences Learning Center (BSLC) was built in 1995, a gift of the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation. The first two years of medical school classes are held in this building. The building boasts large lecture rooms with the latest in audio/video technology. The fourth floor houses anatomy and histology labs, as well as other small computer labs accessible only to medical students. A 19,023-square-foot greenhouse is located on the top floor. It also houses labs for the Ben May Institute and the Neurobiology, Pharmacology, and Physiology classes.

Turn around and head south on South Ingleside.

The Ellen and Melvin Gordon Center for Integrative Science is a 224,000-square-foot, 10-story building completed in 2006. The Gordon Center connects via bridges to both the BSLC (stop 2 on this tour) and the Jules Knapp Medical Research Center (stop 4). Jules and Green Knapp of Chicago donated $25 million toward construction of the 55,580-square-foot, 10-story building in January 2006.

The Jules Knapp Medical Research Center has five floors devoted to the following labs and offices: the Green Knapp Center for Lupus and Immunology, the Center for Molecular Oncology, the Center for Molecular Cardiology, the Brain Research Foundation for Molecular Neurobiology, and Genetics.

Turn east on 58th walkway, then turn south to enter the plaza on Ellis Avenue.

The Franklin McLean Memorial Institute is the current name of the historic Argonne Cancer Research Center. It was opened in 1953 with support from the Atomic Energy Commission. This was the first facility dedicated to the use of radioactive isotopes for the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Continue south on Ellis Avenue.

The first two patients were seen on October 3, 1927. The first patient was a 21-year-old male with a stiff left elbow. Dallas Phemister, MD, performed an arthroplasty for arthritis, and the patient was discharged the next day. The University was able to call the operation “a successful experiment.” In 1929, William Westegard Redfern became the first medical resident in training at the University. A woman, Sylvia H. Bersley, was the second student to complete training, graduating in December 1930.

Continue north on South Ingleside.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center (Cancer) of Chicago is one of the largest cancer centers in the United States. The Center was established in 1982. Members of the Center—approximately 160 clinicians and scientists—draw from 35 University departments. Multidisciplinary teams of medical, surgical, and radiation oncologists provide treatments to patients through a cancer program that consistently ranks among the top 10 in the country. The Center’s outreach programs provide information about cancer to underserved communities in Chicago.

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The Jules Knapp Center for Biomedical Discovery houses research programs from the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics, the Cancer Research Center, the Institute for Molecular Pediatric Science, and the Ludwig Center for Metastasis Research. It connects via bridges to both the BSLC (stop 2 on this tour) and the Franklin McLean Memorial Institute (stop 3). Jules and Green Knapp of Chicago donated $25 million toward construction of the 55,580-square-foot, 10-story building in January 2006.

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The Lying-In Hospital was opened in 1864. It was one of the first hospital buildings in the city to be used to create a “free public library.” Its exam rooms that extended on the natural effects and physical sciences would complement the collections of the Chicago Public Library and the Newberry Library, the city’s other major public library. The John Crerar Library has special collections on medicine, Chinese literature, Dutch history, fortunecasts, the women’s movement, trade unions, and general social science. The collection merged with the University in 1981, and moved to Hyde Park in 1984. The Crerar Library has approximately 1 million bound volumes and 4,700 current serials.

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SELF-GUIDED TOUR LOCATIONS

Self-Guided Tour Paths

- Reunion Headquarters at the Knapp Center
  900 East 57th Street (Lobby)
- Gwen and Jules Knapp Center for Biomedical Discovery
  900 East 57th Street
  Reunion Headquarters
- Donnelley Biological Sciences Learning Center (BSLC)
  924 East 57th Street
  Anatomy Tour takes place from 9:30-10:30AM
- Jules Knapp Medical Research Center
  924 East 57th Street
- Gordon Center for Integrative Science
  929 East 57th Street
- John Crerar Library
  5730 South Ellis Avenue
- Cummings Life Sciences Center
  920 East 58th Street
- Surgery-Brain Research Pavilion
  5812 South Ellis Avenue
- Franklin McLean Memorial Institute
  (formerly the Argonne Cancer Research Hospital)
  5824 South Ellis Avenue
- Hicks-McElwee Hospitals
  970 East 59th Street
- Billings Hospital
  950 East 59th Street
- Bobs Roberts Memorial Hospital for Children
  920 East 59th Street
- Comprehensive Cancer Center
  5841 South Maryland Avenue
- Chicago Lying-In Hospital
  5841 South Maryland Avenue

EVENT AND NOTABLE CAMPUS LOCATIONS

- Alumni House
  5555 South Woodlawn Avenue
- Rockefeller Chapel
  5850 South Woodlawn Avenue
- Robie House
  5717 South Woodlawn Avenue
- Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts
  915 East 60th Street
- Joe and Rika Mansueto Library
  1100 East 57th Street
- Oriental Institute
  1155 East 58th Street
- Quadrangle Club
  1155 East 57th Street
- Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon takes place from 11:00AM-1:00PM.
- Ratner Athletics Center
  5530 South Ellis Avenue
- Smart Museum
  5550 South Greenwood Avenue
- The Main Quadrangle
- Science Courtyard
  Student & Alumni Study Break takes place from 1:00-2:15PM.
- Recommended parking

Wyler Children's Hospital
5839 South Maryland Avenue
- Bernard Mitchell Hospital
5815 South Maryland Avenue
- Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine (DCAM)
5758 South Maryland Avenue
- Comer Children's Hospital
5721 South Maryland Avenue
- Comer Center for Children and Specialty Care
5730 South Drexel Avenue
- Center for Care and Discovery
5700 South Maryland Avenue
- Level 1 Adult Trauma Center and Adult Emergency Department
5656 South Maryland Avenue