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UPR COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW HOSPITAL

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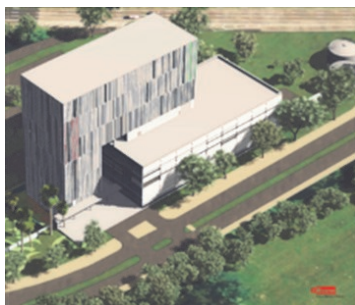
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\$150 millions

Estimated investment in the construction of the UPR-CCC Hospital.



SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. In order to help cancer families and their families, the Comprehensive Center of Cancer (CCC) at the University of Puerto Rico will begin the construction of a new cancer hospital in Rio Piedras. The new CCC Hospital will enable that all Puerto Rican or foreign patients can receive more advanced treatment here in Puerto Rico. The ground breaking ceremony, held on February 19, 2014, was attended by representatives of the academic, government and private sectors, and federal agency officials.

“These types of centers are characterized by scientific excellence and the capacity to integrate a diversity of research approaches to investigating the causes and treatment of cancer,” Governor Alejandro Garcia Padilla said in a statement. “They have a key role in advancing the cause of reducing deaths from cancer.” The Governor emphasized the hospital is aiming to be a “primary source for discoveries about the nature of cancer and the development of new approaches to prevention, diagnosis and therapy.”

The total investment of construction, equipment and other requirements to operate the hospital exceeds \$150 million. The 12-floor facility will house eight halls specialized in cancer surgery, intensive care unit, a unit of intermediate care and three floors with 72 beds, as well as chemotherapy, specialized breast cancer treatment, bone marrow transplant, and nuclear medicine, among many other services.

The building was designed by the prestigious RJMJ firm with vast experience in hospital facilities and comprehensive Cancer Centers. Construction of the project is projected to last around 30 months, with a completion date set for April 2016.

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About the University of Puerto Rico Comprehensive Cancer Center (UPR-CCC): The University of Puerto Rico Comprehensive Cancer Center (UPR-CCC), located at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus, promotes basic sciences, clinical, and epidemiological research in cancer prevention and control in Puerto Rico. The UPR-CCC also supports programs in cancer information and education for the public, patients, and health professionals. The Center also seeks to be the basis for a comprehensive cancer center of excellence in cancer prevention, research, and service for Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, given its primary concern with cancer in Hispanics and other minority populations

About of the Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities (CCRHD): The CCRHD focuses on the development of a more efficient and competitive research infrastructure to carry out basic, clinical and translational studies in health disparities affecting the Puerto Rican population. It includes five research facilities and six activities which provide administrative and research development support to investigators at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus. For more information about CCRHD and its facilities and projects, please visit <http://rcmi.rcm.upr.edu>.

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