Milestones

1986  Cancer program at the University of Utah earns National Cancer Institute designation as a Cancer Center, with an emphasis on genetics research as a way to understand, diagnose, and treat cancer.

1993  Jon M. and Karen Huntsman donate $10 million to the University of Utah to establish a cancer institute.

1994  HCI receives custodianship of the Utah Population Database (UPDB), a resource for biomedical researchers that contains health and vital statistics records from several generations of Utah families.

1995  The Huntsman family pledges $100 million to construct a state-of-the-art cancer center.

1996  HCI breaks ground for a new 231,118 square foot research, treatment, and education facility.

1997  HCI joins the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), a not-for-profit alliance of the world’s leading cancer centers dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of care provided to patients with cancer.

1999  HCI building is dedicated; Patient Care Center opens.

2000  Jon M. Huntsman pledges $125 million to fund cancer research and construct the Huntsman Cancer Hospital.

2001  Construction begins for new cancer hospital.

2004  HCI Cancer Hospital opens, featuring first full-field digital mammography unit, first PET/CT imaging unit, and first facial prosthetics lab in the Intermountain West.

2005  HCI and Intermountain Healthcare join forces to create the Huntsman-Intermountain Cancer Care Program, opening research opportunities to advance cancer care.

2007  Cancer Center member Mario Capecchi, PhD, wins Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for gene targeting research.

2008  Major cancer hospital expansion begins.

2009  A donation from Jon M. and Karen Huntsman to the University of Utah establishes five Presidential Professorships in Cancer Research to commemorate HCI’s 10th anniversary.

2011  Jon M. and Karen Huntsman donate $41 million to cancer research at HCI. HCI opens 156,000 sq. ft. hospital expansion.

2014  HCI breaks ground for new $105 million research expansion.

2015  National Cancer Institute awards HCI Comprehensive Cancer Center status.

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