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# Emory and CHOA build \$90M research center

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Construction is expected to start Wednesday on a \$90 million Health Sciences Research Building on the Emory University campus. More than half of the center on Haygood Drive will focus on pediatric research through the Emory-Children's Pediatric Research Center, a partnership between Emory and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, according to Emory. The center, which is scheduled for completion in April 2013, will also work with Georgia Tech and Morehouse School of Medicine, according to Emory officials.

"In breaking ground for this new building, we celebrate our long partnership with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and the momentum of our growing research collaborations," **S. Wright Caughman**, MD, Emory Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and CEO of the Woodruff Health Sciences Center, said in a statement. "This partnership will lead to continued medical advances that will benefit pediatric and adult patients in Georgia and throughout the world and will help Emory and Children's reach the top ranks of pediatric research institutions."

The 200,000-square-foot building will also include areas for research in adult cancer, immunology and "drug discovery", the school said.

A bridge will connect the new building to the Emory-Children's Center building, adjacent to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and the home of Emory's Department of Pediatrics.

Designed by Portland, Oregon-based architecture firm ZGF (Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects LLP), the building is expected to be LEED-silver certified.

The project is being paid for through philanthropic contributions, including grants from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation, the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation Inc., the O. Wayne Rollins Foundation, the Zeist Foundation Inc., Dr. **Raymond Schinazi** funds, the Georgia Research Alliance and two anonymous foundations, according to Emory.

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