

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE AWARDS \$14 MILLION TO UC DAVIS CANCER CENTER, RENEWS CENTER'S DESIGNATION

The National Cancer Institute, the nation's top cancer research organization, has renewed its designation of UC Davis Cancer Center for five years. The distinction comes with \$14 million in new federal funding through the year 2010 to support the cancer center's rapidly expanding research program, now comprising 179 scientists at work on 317 cancer projects on three campuses.

"It's like winning the Pulitzer twice in a row," said Ralph W. deVere White, director of the UC Davis Cancer Center and an internationally respected prostate cancer researcher. "It's enormously gratifying to receive this national recognition of our unique scientific strengths and potential to impact on cancer care here at home and worldwide."

The hard-won renewal follows an exhaustive scientific and administrative evaluation of UC Davis Cancer Center programs by a 23-member NCI-appointed review panel made up of directors and scientists from top cancer centers around the country.

California has nine NCI-designated centers. Only two are in Northern California, at UC San Francisco and UC Davis. UC Davis Cancer Center serves the Central Valley and inland Northern California, a region the size of Pennsylvania.

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