

FACT SHEET

Overview

The Harold Hamm Diabetes Center at the University of Oklahoma is one of the top national and international comprehensive diabetes centers of excellence committed to:

- Research aimed at progress toward a cure for both type 1 and type 2 diabetes and diabetes-related complications
- Dramatically improved care for patients and their families
- Prevention of diabetes through education and community outreach programs

Mission

The Center's mission is to be a leader in diabetes research focused on progress toward a cure, in world-class care for patients with diabetes, and in the education of healthcare professionals and the public through meaningful prevention programs.

History

Established in 2006 by an act of the Oklahoma State Legislature, the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center addresses the escalating diabetes health crisis affecting not only Oklahomans, but millions of people worldwide. In 2008, the Harold and Sue Ann Hamm Foundation provided the lead naming gift for the Center.

Key Initiatives

The Center's research enterprise is one of the top-funded and largest groups of diabetes investigators in the world. It has received more than \$77 million in extramural grant funding and is home to one of only six labs in the United States that concurrently holds six or more prestigious National Institutes of Health R01 grants. The Center collaborates with more than 250 institutions around the globe.

The Center's basic and translational research advances dramatically improve the quality of care for those suffering from diabetes by creating novel treatment options and allowing the Center's team of physicians, nurses, certified diabetes educators, dietitians, psychologists, and exercise physiologists to provide a multidisciplinary approach that enables patients to self-manage their diabetes, improve their quality of life, and avoid complications from the disease.

Because the fight against diabetes is not waged entirely in research laboratories and clinics, the Center actively participates in large-scale outreach campaigns to educate and prevent the disease at the community level where it is needed most.