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Making More of Life

The DFW region is on the cutting edge of defining new research trends and opportunities in life sciences.

Core Strengths

Brain Research, Neurology, & Neurosurgery

- 7 Institutes and Centers are focused on brain research in DFW.
- UT Southwestern ranked 15th in neurology and neurosurgery, and Children’s Medical Center and Cook Children’s ranked 12th and 49th, respectively, in the pediatric specialty (2019-20 U.S. News & World Report).

Cancer Research

- Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) has awarded more than $480M to DFW institutions since 2009 to spur cancer research innovation and commercialization and to increase access to prevention programs and services.
- The Texas Center for Proton Therapy operated in Irving in 2016; only 35 such centers are operating across the U.S.
- Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center located at Medical City Dallas Hospital is one of the world’s largest gene therapy investigative facilities.
- UT Southwestern’s Harold C. Simmons Cancer Center earned a National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, bestowed upon top-tier cancer centers nationwide.
- Baylor University Medical Center’s T. Boone Pickens Cancer Hospital is the first dedicated cancer hospital in North Texas and the second in the state.

Children’s Care

- The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital Spinal System, manufactured and marketed by Medtronic, has been widely used as treatment for spinal deformity for nearly two decades.
- Children’s Medical Center Dallas is one of only 14 national pediatric research centers sanctioned by the National Institutes of Health.
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Sample of Life Sciences Companies in Dallas-Fort Worth

- Abbot Laboratories
- Alcon
- Ameriasciubergen
- Drug Corporation
- Argon Medical Devices
- Avanon Corporation
- B. Braun Medical
- Benchmark Research
- Biotrol USA
- Bio-Synthetic Inc
- Bledsoe Brace Systems
- Boval Biologics
- Cardinal Health Inc
- Ceres Life Sciences
- Casey Bloodcare
- Cereon Labs
- Cocril Medical
- Covance
- DFB Pharmaceuticals
- DNG Global
- E&O
- Evelier of America
- Food Safety Net Services
- Galderma Laboratories
- GulfNewsTech
- Glassmetline
- Gralsrad
- Grifols
- Haeger, Inc.
- Humanetics II Ltd
- Inform Diagnostics
- Input Hearing Systems
- Integer Holdings
- Luxtec

Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of North Texas

- CPRIT’s goal is to expedite innovation and commercialization in the area of cancer research and to enhance access to evidence-based prevention programs and services throughout Texas.
- CPRIT accepts applications and awards grants for a wide variety of cancer-related research and for the delivery of cancer prevention programs and services by public and private entities located in Texas.
- CPRIT collaborates with a variety of entities, including public and private institutions of higher education, academic health institutions, universities, governmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and public and private companies.

Source: 2019 Q4 – QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed