



\$400M add-on to Sick Kids

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Ground will be broken Tuesday for a \$400-million research facility at the Toronto Hospital For Sick Children.

A 21-storey building at Bay and Elm Sts. will bring together about 2,000 researchers and staff, who now work in six nearby facilities, Dr. Janet Rossant, chief of research for the hospital's research institute, told the Sun.

"You need people to be in a state-of-the-art building and be able to contact each other," she said. "It's so important for the creative process."

When a surgeon meets a computer scientist, or a pediatrician meets a stem cell biologist -- "even in a chance passing in the hallway" -- it can result in new approaches, Rossant said.

The federal government's Canadian Foundation for Innovation is providing \$91 million; the rest will come from the hospital and The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, which is launching a fund-raising drive.

Rossant said 17 storeys will be devoted to research.

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