

UC Davis Timeline

December 1965	The state of California formally establishes the School of Medicine at UC Davis to ensure that enough physicians are trained to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population.
February 1966	C. John Tupper, founding dean, arrives in Davis.
1966	In August, UC Davis School of Medicine affiliates with Sacramento County Hospital.
December 1967	The first seven faculty members, known among themselves as the “Lucky Seven,” arrive.
September 1968	First class enrolls. Five of the 48 students are women, placing UC Davis above the national average for gender equity.
March 1970	UC Davis School of Medicine affiliates with David Grant Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base.
1971	UC Davis students establish the Asian Health Clinic, a free clinic for the underserved. The clinic is later renamed the Paul Hom Asian Clinic in memory of co-founder Paul Hom, who died in 1994.
1971	Family Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant Program moves from Berkeley to Davis. It ultimately becomes the largest and most successful program of its kind to deliver care to medically underserved regions.
1971	Entering class size is increased to 100
June 1972	The medical school’s first class graduates.
1972	The medical school receives academic accreditation for a full seven years.
1972	Voters approve the Health Sciences Capital Needs Bond issue in November.
July 1973	University assumes ownership of the medical center.
1973	Legislative hearings take place on location for the Medical Sciences 1 complex.
January 1974	Regional Burn Center established, eliminating the need for local burn patients to travel to San Francisco or Los Angeles for care.
September 1974	Groundbreaking ceremonies held for the first permanent structures for the School of Medicine, Medical Sciences Complex.
October 1974	Medical school affiliates with Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Martinez, to provide morer training opportunities for students, residents and fellows.
1974	Seismic safety inadequacies are discovered at the Sacramento Medical Center.
1974	Baldwin G. Lamson is named to direct affairs at the Sacramento Medical Center.
1974	Alan Bakke challenges the medical school’s admissions policies in court.
1974	Clinica Tepati, the school’s second student-run clinic, established to meet the needs of the Latino community.
May 1975	Robert B. Smith named Chief Administrative Officer for the medical center
January 1976	Family Practice Network Program begins, bringing residency training to five community hospitals from central California to the East Bay.
1976	Marge Steward named chief of clinical psychology, becoming the first female division chief for the school.
1977	In August, UC Regents approve the second purchase contract for the Sacramento Medical Center.

1977	In September, students begin classes at the completed MS1 complex.
November 1977	Regional Poison Center opens at the medical center to serve 26 northeastern California counties. It is one of the only seven accredited poison centers in the state.
June 1978	The Supreme Court, on June 28 th , issues its decision on the Allan Bakke case, which challenged the medical school's admissions policies. The decision made quotas illegal but allowed race may to be considered as a factor in admissions.
1978	Lois O'Grady named associate dean for student affairs, becoming the first female, in an AAMC school to hold an associate dean title.
1978	In July, Sacramento Medical Center is renamed UC Davis Medical Center.
1979	Founding Dean Tupper announces his retirement.
April 1979	Morton Levitt becomes acting dean after Dean Tupper steps down.
December 1979	Thomas C. Winston named director of hospital and clinics.
1979	Academic curriculum is revised and grading begins in September.
January 1980	Ernest Gold assumes the role of acting dean after the death of Mr. Levitt.
September 1980	Hibbard E. Williams takes the helm as the medical school's second dean.
1981	Medical school obtains federal grant to attract more minority students.
1981	Controversy over the medical center's cardiac and renal surgery programs causes problems.
1982	Medical school publishes its Strategic Plan, aiming to successfully balance traditional primary care training with the development of cutting-edge research in a variety of subspecialties.
April 1982	School of Medicine Alumni Association is launched.
July 1982	The medical school affiliates with Kaiser Permanente to increase training opportunities for medical students, residents and fellows.
1982	Entering class size, at the medical school, is reduced from 100 to 93.
1982	The Center for Aging and Health is established.
1983	Division of Surgical Oncology is established.
January 1984	Frank Loge is named director of hospital and clinics
July 1984	Kiwanis Family House opens for business
September 1984	Life Flight emergency-transport helicopter service begins, supporting the newly designated trauma center and the medical needs of the region.
1984	Medical Center is named Sacramento County trauma center.
April 1985	Alzheimer's Disease Diagnostic and Treatment Center is established.
September 1985	The School of Medicine's entering class is 53 percent female, with 49 women and 44 men. The national average is only 32 percent.
1985	UC Regents approve the building of a cancer center at UC Davis Medical Center.
April 1986	The Magnetic Resonance Imaging Facility is opened.
1986	The Panic and Anxiety Disorders Center opens.

1986	The Neuro-Urology Center opens.
1987	The new Lithotripsy Center opens.
May 1987	UC Davis Medical Center joins the Children's Miracle Network to help fund its growing pediatric programs.
June 1987	Peter Franklin, the first of three quadriplegics to attend UC Davis School of Medicine, graduates.
July 1987	Total research funding from the federal government and other external sources reaches \$23 million. By March 2002, it tops \$72 million.
January 1988	The Child Protection Center opens, becoming a model program nationally in the training of physicians, nurses, law enforcement, social workers and other professionals to prevent all forms of abuse.
June 1988	The Alumni Association established and awarded its first Distinguished Alumni Award to Janice Dutcher, Class of 1975, to recognize outstanding contributions of society through medical research.
September 1988	Entering class ranked fourth highest among the nation's 127 medical schools for number of under-represented minorities (27.8 percent).
1988	UC Davis Medical Center is designated as a Level-1 trauma center.
November 1988	The UC Davis trauma program is credited with reducing the preventable death rate in Sacramento County from 16 percent in 1981 to .05 percent in 1988.
1988	The second quadriplegic student graduates from the School of Medicine.
1989	The Medical Center adopts a long-range development plan.
1989	UC Davis designated one of seven national Centers for AIDS Research by the National Institutes of Health.
September 1989	UC Davis Transplant Center performs the area's first pancreas transplant.
1989	The Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES) is established.
1989	Founding Dean Tupper is named president-elect of the American Medical Association.
1989	UC Davis Children's Hospital is designated as a "children's hospital within a hospital."
May 1990	UC Davis orthopaedic surgery researchers conduct the first robotic hip implant surgery. The device, known as "Robodoc," cuts a precise cavity in a dog's thighbone to accommodate an artificial hip.
October 1990	Ambulatory Surgery Center opens
March 1991	The UC Davis Cancer Center is opened. Within a decade, it becomes a nationally recognized center, known for its unique cancer research partnership with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.
1991	Susan Timmons is the first woman to complete the UC Davis urology residency.
1991	UC Davis receives a grant to establish the Agricultural Health and Safety Center to prevent farm-related injury.
June 1991	The School of Medicine Alumni Association presents its first-ever-Humanitarian Award to Antonio Velasco, a 1979 graduate, to recognize distinguished public service.
1992	The Research building opens.
1992	The UC Davis School of Medicine is ranked sixth in the nation for its comprehensive program.
April	The UC Davis Heart Center is established focusing on prevention and treatment of

1992	heart disease.
September 1992	Dean Williams retires in September, James Castles is named acting dean.
October 1992	Edwin G. Krebs, founding chair of the Department of Biological Chemistry, shares the Nobel Prize in Medicine for phosphorylation research work that he began at UC Davis School of Medicine.
1992	UC Davis establishes its first telemedicine link with Colusa Community Hospital, enabling women to remain in their own community for delivery services.
1993	The dedicated pediatric emergency resuscitation room opens.
March 1993	Dermatologist Gerald S. Lazarus is appointed the third dean of the UC Davis School of Medicine.
March 1993	The Women's Health Initiative, the largest clinical trial ever undertaken in the United States, begins at UC Davis, one of 16 centers nationwide.
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July 1993	The Alumni Association establishes endowed chair in bioethics, later naming cardiologist and distinguished bioethicist Erick H. Loewy to the position.
September 1993	The Center for Neuroscience opens in Research Park. It houses a broad array of eminent researchers who study the brain of the cellular level.
1993	The UC Davis East Bay Surgical Residency Training Program is established.
October 1994	Medical school students open the Imani Clinic in the Oak Park neighborhood.
November 1994	UC Davis Health System is established, integrating business operations and strategic planning for UC Davis's physician group, medical school and medical center.
January 1995	The Primary Care Network is established, bringing UC Davis primary and speciality care to communities throughout the region.
March 1995	UC Davis School of Medicine is ranked second among comprehensive medical schools in the U.S. – U.S. News & World Report
March 1995	Marge Steward becomes associate dean of women's affairs, the second female in the nation to hold this post.
1995	Klea Bertakis is named department chair of Family and Community Medicine, becoming the first female to chair a department.
June 1995	UC Davis School of Medicine and Medical Center receive a record \$12,746,582.00 in private support from individuals, corporations and foundations. This is an 88 percent increase from the past fiscal year.
1995	Oracle CEO, Lawrence J. Ellison, establishes a \$5,000,000.00 endowment for orthopaedic research.
October 1996	Faculty retreat launches medical school's curriculum renewal project.
December 1996	Use of telecommunications technology at UC Davis to improve rural communities' access to health care evolves into award-winning Telehealth Program.
1996	UC Davis School of Medicine begins a yearlong celebration of the 25 th Anniversary of its first graduating class.
March 1997	Researchers from UC Davis, Duke University and French Centre National announce identification of the obesity gene.
April 1997	Flagship Shriners Hospitals for Children opens in affiliation with UC Davis in Sacramento.

April 1997	The UC Davis Transplant Center becomes the first center of the West Coast, second in the nation, to perform laparoscopic donor nephrectomy.
May 1997	UC Davis Medical Center is one of only six hospitals in the nation designated as a magnet nursing center of excellence for the quality of patient-care services and the development of successful, professional nursing practices and strategies.
June 1997	The nation's first combined family practice/ob-gyn residency training program begins at UC Davis. This unique program is established to better meet the needs of physicians who plan to practice medicine in rural communities.
July 1997	Joseph Silva, Jr. is named dean of UC Davis School of Medicine.
September 1997	Health system establishes research fund, providing seed money to faculty for innovative multidisciplinary research.
January 1998	The Center for Laser Applications in Medicine becomes one of only five centers of excellence in the nation funded by the Department of Energy to develop new tools to diagnose and treat disease.
June 1998	Center for Comparative Medicine opens to study Lyme disease and other infectious diseases common to both animals and humans.
June 1998	Ronald McDonald House opens, providing affordable housing for the families of seriously ill children.
July 1998	UC Davis establishes the M.I.N.D. Institute, a unique interdisciplinary institute, to conduct research and provide clinical programs focused on autism and neurodevelopmental disorders.
August 1998	Cancer Center basic research program gets a jump-start with the hiring of a new basic science director, renowned biochemist Hsing-Jien Kung.
August 1998	Lawrence J. Ellison Ambulatory Care Center welcomes patients.
May 1999	State-of-the-art Davis Tower opens, giving UC Davis a model inpatient environment.
July 1999	Martha H. Marsh is named director of hospital and clinics.
July 1999	The Jackson Laboratory, the world's foremost non-profit institution for mouse-based genetics research, announces new West Coast collaboration with UC Davis.
July 1999	Division of Pain Medicine is established to focus attention on treatment of chronic pain.
1999	The M.I.N.D. Institute awards first grants to support innovative, collaborative research on autism.
October 1999	Telemedicine Learning Center established to provide telemedicine training to health-care practitioners and administrators throughout Northern California. It is recognized as one of the most successful programs in the nation.
November 1999	Genome Center initiative launched.
November 1999	Novel telemedicine link between the emergency department of Mercy Medical Center in Redding and the pediatric intensive care unit at UC Davis meets a community's needs for specialty training and care.
May 2000	One of the first research studies funded by the M.I.N.D. Institute shows that it may be possible to identify newborns at risk for developing autism or mental retardation.
May	UC Davis Cancer Center partners with Mercy Health Care System in Merced and

2000	Fremont-Rideout Health Group in Yuba City/Marysville, bringing the latest cancer care closer to home for people in these communities.
2000	The State of California awards \$34,000,000.00 to the M.I.N.D. Institute.
October 2000	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and UC Davis Cancer Center announce integrated cancer research program, the first of its kind in the nation.
November 2000	UC Regents approve Genome and Biomedical Sciences Building on the Davis campus.
January 2001	Courtyard by Marriott Midtown Sacramento opens to meet the overnight needs of patients, their families and other visitors to the medical center.
January 2001	Major curriculum reforms eliminate letter grades and introduce small-group, active-learning opportunities for medical students.
July 2001	UC Davis Medical Center ranks among the top 50 hospitals in America, for the ninth straight year. — <i>US News & World Report</i>
September 2001	Induction ceremony established to welcome incoming medical students.
September 2001	M.I.N.D. Institute breaks ground on a new facility that will house top researchers, clinicians and educators, all focused on bettering the lives of children with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders.
October 2001	Shifa Clinic announces affiliation with School of Medicine, becoming the fourth student-run clinic in operation at UC Davis
January 2002	Robert E. Chason is named director of hospital and clinics.
2002	In March, total research funding from federal and other external sources at the School of Medicine tops \$72,000,000.00.
June 2002	UC Davis School of Medicine celebrates the 30 th anniversary of its first graduating class.