At the Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute (HHRI), we have been actively investigating the causes of and potential treatments for diseases since 1952. We support and oversee the medical research conducted at HCMC, Hennepin Healthcare’s acute care research and teaching hospital located in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. In an academic environment that emphasizes patient care, research and teaching, HHRI helps offer patients better care now and hope for improved healthcare in the future. Our research subjects are diverse with a focus on four areas: Acute Care/Trauma, Addiction, Health Services, and Infectious Disease (HIV/AIDS). HHRI is one of the largest medical research institutions in Minnesota and consistently ranks in the top 10 percent nationally of all institutions receiving research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Our Mission
Improving patient care and the health of our community through research and education.

Our Vision
A dynamic and responsive organization that serves the community through scientific excellence.

Our Values
Innovation – Discovering high-impact solutions that promote health.
Perseverance – Pursuing the answers to our questions wherever they lead.
Teamwork – Creating meaningful partnerships with those who share our values.

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HHRI Research Programs

Acute Care / Trauma
HHRI investigators are seeking solutions to the complex challenges faced in providing emergency treatment and critical care. We are actively pursuing innovative therapies to improve patient care and outcomes for life-threatening and time-sensitive conditions that are the result of disease or trauma and during recovery from surgery. HHRI is currently conducting acute care and trauma research in the following areas:

- Cardiac Biomarkers
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Emergency Medicine
- Orthopedics & Biomechanics
- Trauma & Burn
- Traumatic Brain Injury

Health Services
Researchers at HHRI are improving patient care for individuals and the community as a whole. Our investigators are studying ways to more effectively deliver high-quality health care, manage costs and improve patient outcomes in the following fields of medicine:

- Clinical Research Outcomes
- Cancer
- Children’s Issues
- Chronic Diseases
- Cognitive Issues in Aging
- Diabetes & Obesity
- Gastrointestinal & Liver Disease
- Heart Disease & Heart Failure
- Kidney Disease
- Organ Transplantation
- Sleep Disorders

Addiction
Drug addiction is the number one preventable cause of death in the adult American population. Tobacco, alcohol, illicit drug and prescription drug abuse often lead to a downward spiral in health and self-care and can be a primary cause of disease as seen in alcohol induced liver cirrhosis or the spread of HIV through contaminated intravenous needles. The indirect costs of drug addiction to society are estimated to be around $700 billion annually. HHRI investigators are exploring the underlying causes of addiction and translating their scientific findings into improved therapies to prevent and treat addiction in the areas of Addiction Medicine, Opioid Addiction, and Tobacco Treatment.

Infectious Disease (HIV/AIDS)
HIV/AIDS is a modern-day pandemic with an estimated 36.7 million people living with the disease across the globe. The HIV/AIDS research program at HHRI supports and collaborates with numerous local and national organizations to study the most applicable, pertinent and cutting-edge drugs, strategies and therapies to improve the quality of life for persons living with HIV infection. Our studies focus on expanding our understanding of the HIV disease process, improving health outcomes, preventing the spread of HIV and helping to develop strategies to cure HIV infection.

Give to HHRI
When you make a charitable gift to the Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute, you leave a legacy that will improve the health and well-being of people in our community and around the world for years to come. Gifts of any amount make a difference.

To make a donation to HHRI, visit https://mmrf.org/donate-to-mmrf and click on the DONATE button, or scan the QR code to the right, which will bring you directly to the HHRI donation portal administered by our organizational partner the Hennepin Healthcare Foundation (HHF).

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