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Cancer research honors

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Great news: the National Cancer Institute has again [recognized the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center here at IUPUI](#) as one of the best in the country.

The National Cancer Institute renewed the Cancer Center Support Grant and the center's prestigious designation following a multi-step, competitive process. Overall, the institute rated the IU Simon Cancer Center's research activities as "excellent" and awarded it a five-year support grant of \$7.8 million. That's 20 percent more than the previous award in 2008.

The grant recognizes and supports the cancer center's shared facilities that offer researchers access to the highest quality equipment and technology. Research conducted at the center impacts lives throughout Indiana, the nation and beyond.

There are only 68 National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers in the U.S. and our site is the only one in Indiana that provides patient care. The facility engages nearly 200 of the world's most skilled researchers, led by Patrick L. Loehrer, M.D., director of the IU Simon Cancer Center.

The National Cancer Institute cited Pat's vision and leadership as key to the effectiveness of the center. Pat is devoted to strengthening the Simon Cancer Center, he is a compassionate caregiver to his patients, and this recognition depended on his commitment.

My congratulations to Pat and all of his colleagues for the National Cancer Institute recognition, but most importantly, for the work they do to prevent cancer and care for their patients.

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