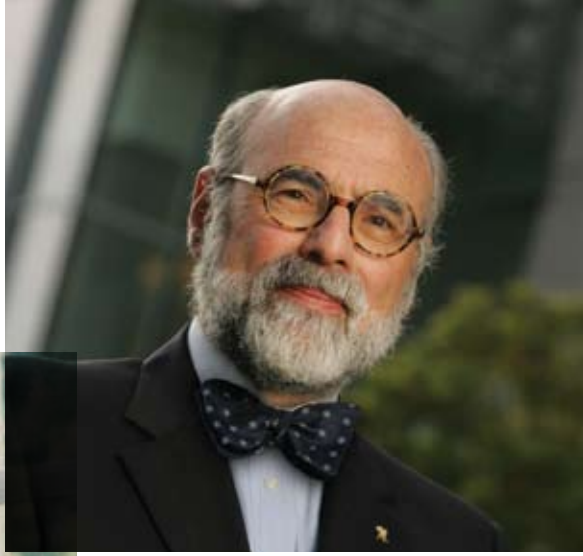




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When we think of history’s great scientists, we often imagine them toiling in solitude until a major discovery thrusts them into the spotlight.

Modern-day biomedicine bears little resemblance to that of the past. Today, scientific researchers must join forces to speedily pursue cures for disease.

So quickly has the world’s body of medical knowledge grown that a scientist cannot expect to know enough to function alone. Each must develop a niche of specialization — an area where the scientist reigns as an expert over a unique and complex domain; then, to aggressively advance science, researchers must form teams in which each member has critical knowledge to offer. Only then can ideas from the lab move speedily from cell culture to the clinic.

City of Hope symbolizes this collaborative movement; and as City of Hope moves ahead with its 2007-2013 strategic plan, collaborations take on even greater importance. The strategic plan guides the institution's expansion through key research, clinical and education programs while maintaining longstanding attributes, such as compassionate care, that are central to its mission.

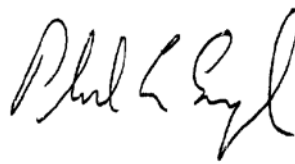
The strategic plan will help City of Hope develop leading research programs in areas such as cancer biology, experimental therapeutics and population sciences, as well as strengthen clinical areas of excellence, including leukemia and lymphoma. It will build robust programs in areas such as lung, gynecologic and musculoskeletal cancers, among others. These aspirations are impossible without collaboration.

The work of Smita Bhatia, M.D., M.P.H., chair of the Division of Population Sciences, serves as just one of several examples you will see in the following pages of this report. Bhatia studies childhood cancer patients to deeply understand what happens later in their lives, long after cancer treatment. But studying only City of Hope's patients would provide too few research subjects to statistically discern the true effects of childhood cancer therapy. To fully understand these long-term effects, Bhatia must pool our patients with many others. She must link with physicians and researchers across the world.

Only by combining their experiences and unselfishly sharing their data can Bhatia and her colleagues gauge the long-term effects of cancer treatment. As a result, the collaborating researchers can better monitor cancer survivors' health and quality of life — and provide better guidance for patients throughout their lives.

Just like Bhatia, other City of Hope researchers are reaching beyond the bounds of their offices and labs to cooperate with scientists in California and around the globe. At the heart of their mission: uncovering the science behind the diseases and discovering better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and other serious illnesses.

We invite you to read about their stories, and those of their collaborating City of Hope colleagues, in this report.



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