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New centre to advance stem cell research and treatment of diseases

Stem cell research and its implications for the treatment of blood diseases, diabetes, neurology and heart repair is set to be advanced with the opening of a new Centre for Developmental and Regenerative Medicine.

Minister for Science and Medical Research Jodi McKay today officially opened the centre at the Kolling Institute at the Royal North Shore Hospital.

“This new facility will bring together researchers from five research units including neurogenetics, haematology, cancer, endocrine and cardiovascular disease,” Ms McKay said.

“Having these experts under the one roof will help to create a research powerhouse in the treatment of degenerative illnesses, such as diabetes.

“The centre’s multidisciplinary approach to research means it will work closely with frontline health providers, ensuring discoveries and advances made in these fields directly benefit the people of NSW.

“It will also foster strong ties with the commercial and industrial sector, resulting in economic benefits for NSW from its research outcomes.”

Ms McKay said the new centre will explore a range of treatments, including use of stem cells to treat damaged tissue.

“NSW is home to some of the leading research in this area, especially in pluripotent stem cell research, which creates highly adaptive stem cells out of adult cells,” Ms McKay said.

Ms McKay said the NSW Government is a strong supporter of the State’s medical research sector.

“This centre has been facilitated by construction of the \$100 million Kolling Institute Building, which included a \$61 million NSW Government contribution,” Ms McKay said.

“We recognise that investment in research excellence helps ensure a smart, healthy future and a strong economy for the people of NSW.”

Following the opening national leaders in stem cell research will take part in a symposium, Regenerative Medicine: Opportunities and Challenges.

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