



## HEALTH



# Wistar Institute is opening a new center dedicated to HIV research

The Philadelphia cancer research center will partner with international HIV researchers.



Dario C. Altieri is CEO of the Wistar Institute.

by Sarah Gantz  
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Wistar Institute is investing \$24 million to open... researching how to equip the immune system to



treatment options, including potentially a vaccine.

The HIV Cure and Viral Diseases Center will be located at 3675 Market St., marking the 130-year-old research institution’s first offices outside its Spruce Street headquarters in West Philadelphia.

Wistar was founded in 1892 as the nation’s first independent biomedical research institution. It is designated by the National Cancer Institute as a [cancer research institute](#), and also specializes in vaccine development and infectious disease.

About 1.2 million people in the United States and more than 39 million worldwide have HIV, a virus that attacks the immune system and prevents it from fighting off disease. With daily medication, many people with HIV can live virtually symptom-free, with undetectable viral loads.

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Medical advancements over the past 40 years have led to new treatments and new diagnoses. But the disease remains an incurable chronic condition with no known cure.

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“An AIDS vaccine has been very elusive, which means we probably don’t know everything there is to know about the disease,” said Dario Altieri, Wistar’s CEO. “The time is now to really bring together everything that has been achieved so far and make that additional leap.”

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Altieri envisions Wistar’s new center as a “classroom for innovative therapies and vaccines” with 25,000 square feet of office and laboratory space at 3675 Market St., a [bioscience hub by Wexford Science + Technology](#).

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The new center will bring together Wistar’s existing, National Institutes of Health-supported HIV research program with international experts. Wistar plans to hire between four and six more scientists for the center.

Researchers will focus on treatments and potential cures that arm the immune system against the virus.

Immunotherapy has emerged as among the most promising approaches to treating cancer and disease. Wistar and other research hubs have honed in on the idea of training the immune system to attack personalized treatment. ⊗

Altieri said the center’s research on HIV could prevent viral outbreaks or future pandemics.

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Sarah Gantz  

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## Investors leave affordable housing complexes in shambles, with Philly seniors caught in the middle

A New Jersey real-estate dynasty, the Puretz family, owned thousands of affordable housing units. They profited as Philly seniors, and tenants nationwide, suffered in dire conditions.

Samantha Melamed and Ryan W. Briggs

### PENNSYLVANIA NEWS





## Why Thomas Matthew Crooks tried to assassinate Donald Trump is a mystery to investigators and his ex-classmates

The thought that their mild-mannered ex-classmate would try to kill former President Donald Trump was difficult to process in this tight-knit community near Pittsburgh.

Ryan W. Briggs, Max Marin, and Ellie Rushing

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## Philly hoops great Joe Bryant, father of NBA legend Kobe, has died

Bryant, who attended Bartram High School and La Salle, succumbed to a massive stroke. He was 69.

Mike Sielski

### OPINION



# The far-right's Project 2025 also dodged a bullet, and they know it

A Milwaukee fest honoring the architect of Project 2025 spoke of a "silver lining" as the Trump shooting quells widespread criticism.

Will Bunch | Columnist

## PENNSYLVANIA NEWS



# What Thomas Matthew Crooks' ex-classmates and employer have said about the Trump shooting suspect

Several alumni of Bethel Park High School who knew Thomas Matthew Crooks have spoken to media outlets about their former classmate, accused of trying to assassinate former President Donald Trump.

Max Marin and Ryan W. Briggs

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## How the dumb All-Star Game can help the Phillies this year

Midseason exhibitions make no sense these days, and the Phillies have eight All-Stars, but they're in a situation in which the game might actually be beneficial.

Marcus Hayes | Columnist

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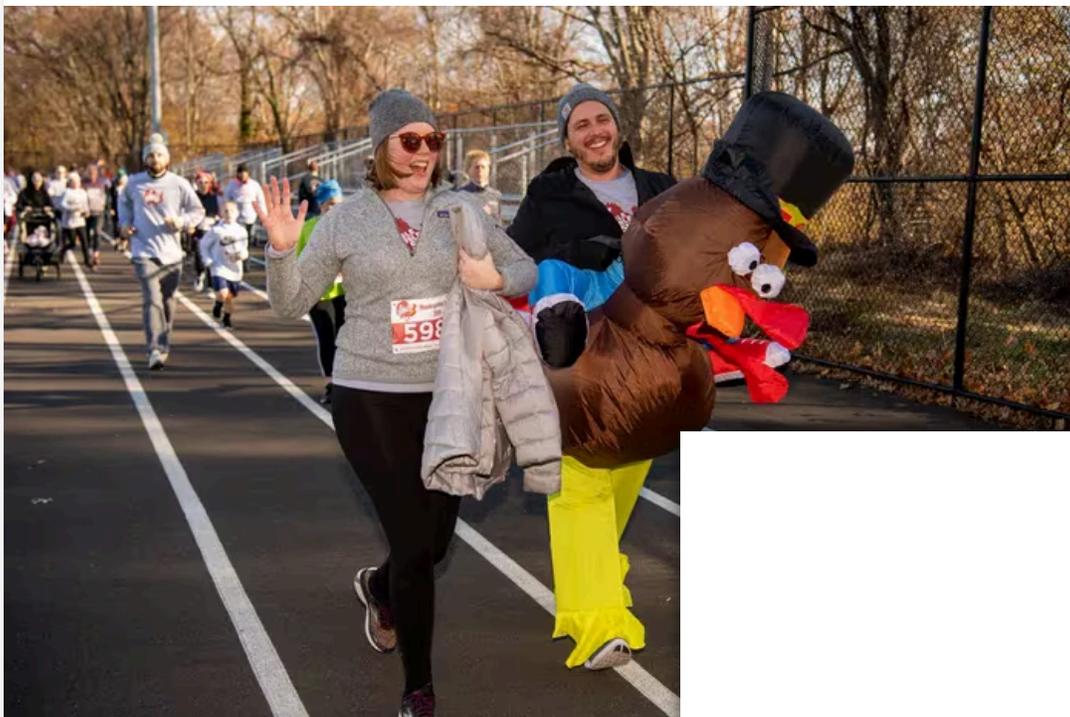


## How Philly's heat wave poses medical risks

Extreme heat poses risks for all ages. Here's what to watch out for.

Tom Avril

### PHILLY TIPS



## Your guide to this year's turkey trots

5K runs, fun runs, and short walks happening before Thanksgiving dinner.

Jillian Wilson

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## Pictures of the 37th annual AIDS Walk Philly

Participants in the 37th annual AIDS Walk Sunday winded along Kelly Drive from the Art Museum, helping raise money to provide emergency funds to individuals living with HIV disease and increase public awareness.

Tom Gralish



### CORONAVIRUS



## **Penn mRNA scientists Karikó and Weissman win Nobel Prize**

Research by Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman paved the way for two COVID-19 vaccines: the ones by Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech. Their work has won the Nobel Prize in Medicine.

Tom Avril, Sarah Gantz, and video by Lauren Schnei...

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## Hemophilia was once a death sentence, but modern medicine has made advances in treatments for the genetic bleeding disorder

Hemophilia is caused by missing proteins called clotting factors that are needed to form blood clots.

Terri Akman, For The Inquirer

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## Black women weigh emerging risks of hair straighteners

Mounting evidence now shows that chemical hair straighteners could be a health hazard.

Ronnie Cohen, KFF Health News

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# Strep throat can easily be confused with throat infections caused by viruses — here are a few ways to know the difference

Many people incorrectly assume that all sore throats are due to strep throat.

Allen Shaughnessy, The Conversation

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# Tuberculosis on the rise for first time in decades after COVID-19 interrupted public health interventions and increased inequality

The pandemic not only interrupted important tuberculosis, it also caused a decrease in social opportunities for marginalized people around

Carlos Franco-Paredes, The Conversation



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### **As low-nicotine cigarettes hit the market, anti-smoking groups press for wider standard**

The first authorized cigarettes with 95% less nicotine than traditional smokes are coming to California, Florida, and Texas in early July, after a year of test-marketing in Illinois and Colorado.

Don Thompson, KFF Health News

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## The DEA relaxed online prescribing rules during COVID. Now it wants to rein them in.

Controlled medications include many stimulants, sedatives, opioid painkillers, and anabolic steroids.

Arielle Zions, KFF Health News

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## **Abramson Senior Care is reinventing itself again after selling its nursing home and other businesses**

The Montgomery County not-for-profit founded in 1866 sold its home care and hospice businesses this past spring, but is trying to develop a new way to serve seniors.

Harold Brubaker

### **OPINION**





## One Penn resident weighs in on union vote | Opinion

For some residents like myself, this process was filled with conflicting thoughts and emotions.

Juan Lopez Tiboni, For The Inquirer

### OBITUARIES



# Morris Husbands, celebrated medicinal chemical research and development scientist, has died at 85

He won awards for helping to create the drug venlafaxine in the late 1980s and early 1990s. It relieves symptoms of depression, anxiety, and nerve pain, and is now used worldwide.

Gary Miles

## PHILADELPHIA POLITICS



# Some Philly workers will get longer paid parental leave, but officials acknowledge it's still not enough

The city of Philadelphia is expanding paid parental leave to six weeks for thousands of city workers in the coming year.

Anna Orso



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## ‘Chemo brain’ is real, but there are ways to ease it

Doctors are still learning about why many — but not all — cancer patients experience cancer-related cognitive impairment (CRCI) or "chemo brain."

Andrea Atkins, Washington Post

### OPINION





## How poor air quality and other climate change issues should change the way doctors treat patients

Even without smoke from Canadian wildfires, Philadelphia is ranked by the American Lung Association as one of the cities with the worst air quality.

Alex Nisbet, For The Inquirer

### CLIMATE

## Expect a hot, smoky summer in much of America. Here's why you'd better get used to it.

Forecasters say the only break much of America can hope for anytime soon from eye-watering dangerous smoke from wildfires and brief bouts of shirt-soaking sweltering heat and humidity.

Seth Borenstein, Associated Press



### PETS



## ACCT Philly shelter gets \$100,000 X-ray facility for injured dogs and cats

Injured animals will get faster medical care with on-site X-ray examinations instead of having to be transported to a veterinary facility.

Robert Moran

### PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS





## Gov. Josh Shapiro quietly recalls pick for Pennsylvania Department of Health secretary

Gov. Josh Shapiro has recalled his nomination for Pennsylvania Department of Health secretary: Dr. Debra Bogen, a pediatrician who had led Allegheny County's Department of Health.

Gillian McGoldrick

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