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THE LAURA W. BUSH INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH SUPPLEMENTAL PRESS INFORMATION

History of the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Women's Health Research Institute was established in Amarillo in 2000 and expanded institution-wide in 2006 to include campuses in Amarillo, El Paso, Lubbock, the Permian Basin and Abilene. The expansion of the women's institute brings together the strengths of TTUHSC's five schools – Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences, Pharmacy and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Texas Tech University Chancellor Kent Hance announced the naming of the institute in honor of Laura W. Bush at a news conference in Amarillo on Aug. 7, 2007.

Permian Basin Program

The Institute is under the governance of Texas Tech University Chancellor Kent Hance and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center president. The Permian Basin programs will be a joint effort of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Medical Center Hospital of Odessa and Midland Memorial Hospital. In the Permian Basin, the Institute will collaborate with our teaching hospitals, other health care resources and educational institutions for the betterment of women's health.

Research and clinical services leadership in the Permian Basin currently includes Craig Spellman, Ph.D., D.O., assistant dean for Research; V. Daniel Castracane, Ph.D., director of research for Obstetrics and Gynecology; David Baldwin Ph.D, director of Clinical Trials; R. Moss Hampton, M.D, chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology.; and John Jennings, M.D., regional dean. In addition, Walter James McConathy, Ph.D., will be joining the research team in October 2007.