

2000



OCTOBER 29, 2004

Robert E. Fitzhenry Vector Laboratory opens (Canada's first university lab certified to provide vectors for clinical trials in patients).

2004

The Farncombe family of Oakville gives \$3.5 million to establish both an endowed chair in inflammatory bowel disease and Canada's only university-based gnotobiotic (germ free) laboratory.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

The Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Learning and Discovery (MDCL) opens.



Exterior of MDCL, around 2013.

AUGUST 2007

First 15 MD students start at the Waterloo Regional Campus.

2007

PIPER (Program for Interprofessional Practice Education and Research) is established. Unique to McMaster, PIPER allows students from different programs to learn together.



Physiotherapy student Kristina Chavez (left) and medical student Alexander Kaplan participate in an anatomy class, around 2011.

2008

Wynn and Bill Benson (MD '73) donate 12 etched glass panels for the Health Sciences Library's Jan and Mein Heersink Reading Pavilion.



Susan Denburg (from left), Ilene Busch-Vishniac, Wynn Bensen, Bill Bensen and John Kelton at the dedication of the etched glass panels, 2008.

2002

The Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) is created at McMaster as part of the medical school's application process. MMI is now used in nearly all Canadian medical schools and beyond.

DECEMBER 17, 2003

Michael G. DeGroote makes a \$105 million donation to McMaster's medical program, the largest single cash gift in Canadian history. In tribute, the school is named the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine.



Dr. John Kelton, dean and vice-president of the Faculty of Health Sciences, adjusts the first lab coat with a Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine insignia on Michael G. DeGroote, as McMaster University president Dr. Peter George applauds during standing ovation.

2005

The McMaster Community and Rural Education Program (Mac-CARE) is launched.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Department of Oncology is established.

AUGUST 2007

MD/PhD combined program is launched.



Derek Chu investigates the causes of anaphylaxis and peanut allergy as part of his MD/PhD studies at McMaster, around 2010.

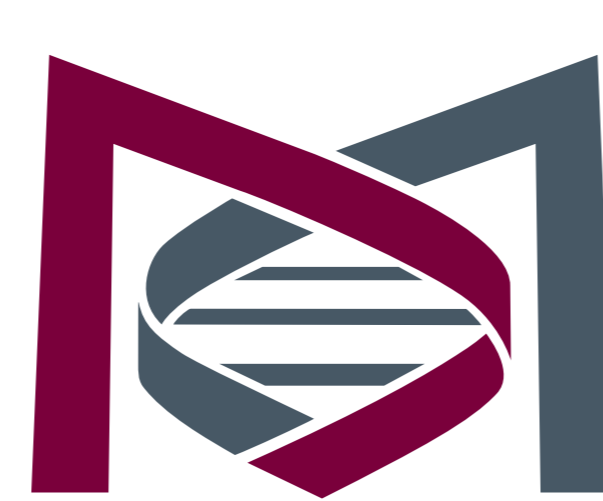
AUGUST 2008

First 15 MD students start at the Niagara Regional Campus (NRC).



Dr. Karl Stobbe, founding assistant dean of the NRC, is surrounded by the campus' first MD students, the Class of 2011.

2009



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