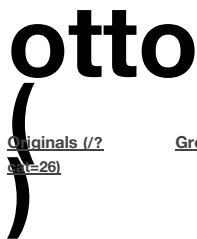


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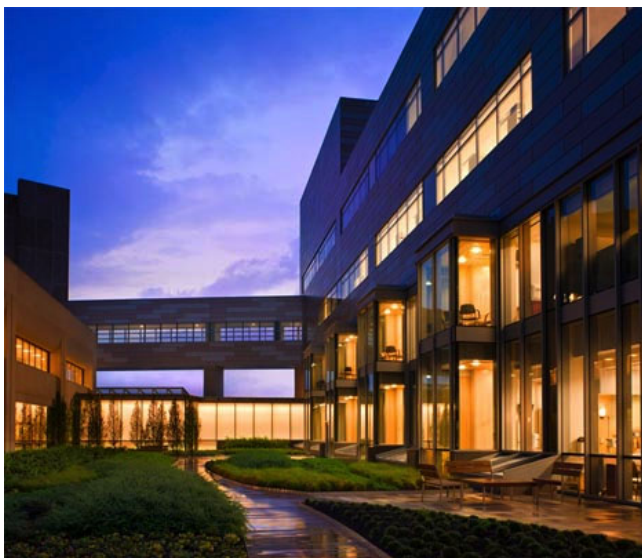
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Designed to provide patients and their families with a welcoming, peaceful environment while they receive the latest in advanced medical treatments, this cancer institute is an experiment in full translational medicine, where research and clinical functions are strategically mixed to encourage collaboration between the two. Clinical functions are located on the lower three floors, and research labs are located on the top two levels. Researchers and clinical doctors share offices on the top two floors, with ancillary support spaces located to encourage spontaneous encounters across groups. The keynote space is a five-story "beehive" atrium, which links all research and clinical floors and provides vertical and horizontal connections between the two groups.

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