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# Leveraging Collaboration and Interdisciplinary Science

The Ellison Institute addresses important clinical questions through innovation and integration of clinically-driven science with applied engineering. Guided by our Chief Scientific and Innovation Officer, Dr. Jerry S.H. Lee, our overarching objective is the rigorous and rapid translation of novel technologies into practice for use in clinical, diagnostic, and laboratory settings. These developments could and/or creation of novel

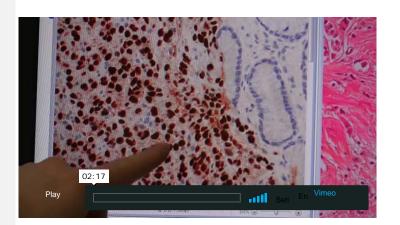
is readily accessible from biological and clinical samples, and a novel approach to interdisciplinary research, we aim to deliver those technologies to patients rapidly through public-private partnerships.

As a research and technology hub, we help physicians and scientists expand their capabilities, bringing vital research to the next level. Expert scientists, physicians, and thought-leaders from

models that better capture specific physiological aspects of the human body. With a robust data, an ever-growing biorepository, provide better cancer detection techniques, extraction of multi-dimensional (e.g. biochemical and biophysical) information that

around the world are invited to become visiting faculty at the Institute. Together with these valuable guests, we bring insight and ingenuity to hurdles that have been plaguing researchers and physicians for years.

"I believe we can advance our research to the next level, allowing the most effective treatments to benefit patients who are in urgent need of new therapies today."



# Research Laboratories

# Artificial Intelligence in Medicine

We apply Artificial Intelligence techniques to discern otherwise hidden clinical information from the tumor microstructure. Our methods highlight important aspects of tumor architecture, both in 2D and 3D, that impact patient outcome.

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### Multiscale Biology Lab

The Multiscale Biology Lab studies the composite of an individual from the single cell level through the composite perspective that looks at the collections of cells that creates the various tissues and organs.

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### **Drug Discovery Lab**

Our cancer researchers are working with chemists to modify and/or develop the next generation of drugs that will change cancer treatment and help minimize toxic side effects thereby increasing quality of life for patients.

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### Molecular Analytics Lab

Genomics only tell us one part of the picture. Our Institute incorporates the other "omics" such as proteomics and metabolomics, to gain a better understanding of the whole biological system; thus going beyond the genes.

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### **Applied Therapeutics Lab**

Our Institute uses this lab to test & refine the knowledge gained about an approved drug after the drug is used in a real world population. This testing helps us make sure we are using the best drugs possible for real world applications.

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### Microenvironment Lab

Tumors need a receptive environment to grow. Here we are applying multidisciplinary approaches to better understand the interactions between the tumor "seed" and microenvironment "soil". We are devising ways to disrupt this supportive environment and prevent tumors from growing.

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### Biomimetic Models Lab

Solid tumors encounter various microenvironments with respect to cell types and oxygen gradients that impact drug response. Technologies such as the hypoxia chamber and organs-on-chips platforms allow us to better mimic tumors and their associated microenvironments in a patient-specific manner.

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# **Proving Grounds**

A place where the future meets the here & now, as we combine the latest technologies in medicine and engineering. We are privileged to evaluate these technologies from academic and industry leaders and use them to further advance our research.

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### Immersive Visualization Lab

Experience the future of collaboration and learning through a dedicated lab created with three interactive screens for in-room and virtual user experiences.

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# Integrative Microscopy Lab

Our state-of-the-art microscopes provide a unique window into cellular interactions and real-time information on a cancer cell's response to therapy.

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