



## Innovations in Healthcare

**Florida Hospital is a leader in using technology to improve healthcare outcomes. Our state must fund research opportunities in health care and create public policy that fosters innovation.**

Telehealth can improve the delivery of health services and increase positive clinical outcomes. Florida currently lacks a definition and framework in statute for telehealth. FH supports legislation to define telehealth and allow for reimbursement from insurance companies. Several Florida Hospitals are already using telehealth at their own expense because of the proven effectiveness. Our hospitals are using tele-ICUs and tele-behavioral health to help improve our delivery of care. Our Home Health programs uses telehealth to monitor patients in real time and allow patients to communicate with medical professionals without having to come in for an appointment.

- **Support SB 1686/HB 7087, developing a telehealth framework in statute**
- **Support SB 178, developing marketing for medical tourism in Florida**

Florida Hospital believes our state should provide medical research funding to our universities, research centers, and hospitals. Florida can be a leader in developing new treatments for deadly diseases. Our Translational Research Institute focuses on a bench-to-bedside approach to research and scientific discoveries, in which scientists study disease at the molecular and cellular levels, or the “bench” then progress to the clinical level or the patient’s “bedside.” The facility is devoted to the study of obesity and the metabolic origins of cardiovascular disease. Our state-of-the-art medical simulation utilizes patient mannequins to give medical professionals and students the opportunity to practice treating illnesses in a safe setting before working on patients.

- **Support continued funding of \$3 million to the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer’s Research Program**
- **Support continued funding of \$60 million to National Cancer Institute Centers Program**

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*Florida Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital system with 22 hospitals in 11 counties. We are part of Adventist Health System, the largest protestant not-for-profit hospital system in the US. We have received the #1 hospital ranking in Florida the past 3 years. Our flagship campus in Orlando serves more Medicare patients than any other hospital in the US.*

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