

increased research into down syndrome

Linda Crnic Down Syndrome Institute

A new University of Colorado Denver institute will provide increased research into Down syndrome and more comprehensive care for patients with Down syndrome. The Linda Crnic Down Syndrome Institute is a cooperative program with The Children's Hospital and University of Colorado at Boulder.

The Linda Crnic Down Syndrome Institute will consist of basic science research at University of Colorado at Boulder and University of Colorado Denver, clinical and translational research at University of Colorado Denver and The Children's Hospital, and patient care that will be provided through the Anna and John J. Sie Center for Down Syndrome at The Children's Hospital. The comprehensive Sie Clinical Center for Down Syndrome will be the first of its kind in the Rocky Mountain Region. It is being funded by a \$2 million gift from the Anna and John J. Sie Foundation.

"The Sie Center for Down Syndrome will provide, locally and globally, the highest quality clinical care, therapeutic development, including physical, occupational, and speech therapies, medical care, societal education, and advocacy in the pursuit of its mission," said Stephen R. Daniels, MD, PhD, Pediatrician-in-Chief at The Children's Hospital. "Our experts from a variety of fields will have the opportunity to catch medical issues early so the outcomes for children with Down syndrome will be greatly improved."

The Sie Clinical Center for Down Syndrome will provide medical care to children with Down syndrome, hire and mentor a medical "dream team," provide up-to-date information on Down syndrome to women who have received a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome, and participate in collaborative ground-breaking clinical trials.

Linda Crnic is a former faculty member of the Department of Pediatrics and served as director of the Colorado Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Research Center. She passed away in 2004.



Patricia Winders, PT, with her patient, Nastassja "Staci" Unrau, 2008