

# Doric to build research facility

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Doric Contractors has won a tender to build a cutting-edge medical research facility in Nedlands for the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research.

The centre is expected to cost \$100 million.

Construction of the 10-storey building at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre will start soon and WAIMR director Professor Peter Klinken said it would bring together laboratory-based scientists and clinical researchers.

"It should attract top researchers and clinicians from around the globe to carry out their exciting medical research in Perth," Professor Klinken said.

Project architect James Edwards, of Hames Sharley, said he was delighted that after an extensive design period, construction was about to start.

Construction is due to finish early in 2013 and is part of the expansion of the QEII Medical

Centre into one of Perth's largest medical, research and education facilities.

The building will comprise laboratories, including a demonstration laboratory for public education, clinical research space, offices, an auditorium, seminar rooms, meeting places and a cafe.

The Federal Government will pay \$50 million toward the cost of the facility while the WA Government will contribute \$25 million.

Professor Klinken said financial support for the project also came from a number of charities — \$25 million from the University of WA, \$5.4 million from Lotterywest and \$1.5 million from the McCusker Foundation.

"Our research teams are already making amazing discoveries that will lead to future treatments for cancers, diabetes, muscular diseases, liver diseases and more. This leading edge, well-equipped facility will help us fulfil our vision of a healthier future," Professor Klinken said.



Cutting edge: An artist's impression of the medical research centre to be built at Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre.