THE JOHN G. RANGOS SR. RESEARCH CENTER will accommodate Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC’s cutting-edge medical research programs.

- Its lab floors are designed around the concept of the open laboratory — with offices and conference rooms arranged around the glass perimeter.
- Flexible central lab space allows for interaction and sharing of equipment.
- Research lab space can accommodate 70 principal investigators.
- Each laboratory desk and office is adjacent to a window so that workers have the benefit of extensive natural light.
- The center also houses a conference center with flexible space and state-of-the-art audiovisual technology.
- Children’s pediatric research program is one of the fastest growing in the country.
- The new facility has double the amount of lab space of the existing Oakland facility and will support biomedical research, including genomics, cellular imaging, signal transduction, structural biology, immunology and neuroscience, among other fields.
- In fall 2007, the Richard King Mellon Foundation announced a gift of $23 million to create the Richard King Mellon Foundation Institute for Pediatric Research, which will be housed at the Rangos Research Center.
- The institute’s goal is to recruit physician-scientists working on seminal, pioneering pediatric medical research at the level of molecular and cellular biology that might be in too early a stage to get funding from the National Institutes of Health.