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### New York Genome Center brings together 11 top medical research centers

\$125 million effort to make NYC an international destination for study of genes

BY KATHLEEN LUCADAMO / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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New York's premier medical research centers came together Wednesday to launch a genome center, a \$125 million effort that will pool their data and resources to make breakthroughs in the field.

The New York Genome Center, which will open in February, is designed to make the city an international destination for genomics or the study of genes.

The Rockefeller University, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Mount Sinai School of Medicine and New York-Presbyterian Hospital are among the 11 institutions behind the project.

Mount Sinai recently opened its own Institute for Genomics, giving the larger effort a kick start in learning what triggers diseases and how to treat them.

The public-private venture has secured most of the funding for the plan and will feature state-of-the-art molecular scanning technology, according to organizers.

The founders hope to create thousands of jobs by tapping into the lucrative biomedical industry.

"The New York Genome Center will make it possible to share extraordinarily rich and diverse data on an unprecedented scale, and allow us to support the world's premier research and medical institutions, as well as their diagnostic and pharmaceutical partners," said Nancy J. Kelley who is spearheading the project.



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Rendering of New York Genome Center.

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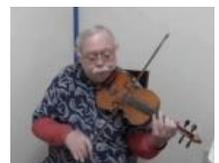
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