



SCCI Construction Milestones

February 2000 – A proposal for a new cancer institute at SIU School of Medicine is approved by the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees.

April 2000 – The Illinois Board of Higher Education approves a proposal to establish the SIU Cancer Institute.

June 2001 – The State of Illinois awards SIU School of Medicine an operational grant of \$1 million for planning of a regional cancer institute for central and downstate Illinois.

July 2001 – \$14.5 million is appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly for design, land acquisition and construction of a SIU Cancer Institute facility. The SIU Board of Trustees approves the selling of \$6 million in revenue bonds.

July 2002 – A \$1,525,200 grant is awarded from the U.S. Department of Health Resources and Services Administration for construction of the Cancer Institute research lab, including equipment, in existing facilities.

June 2004 – Two-plus acres of land are purchased for the site of a new SIU Cancer Institute at a cost of nearly \$2 million.

November 2004 – \$100,000 in federal funding for the SIU Cancer Institute laboratory renovations is announced by Senator Richard Durbin and Congressman John Shimkus.

February 2005 – A preliminary design for a permanent facility for the new SIU Cancer Institute is presented by BSA Life Structures and Hanson Professional Services.

July 2005 – A groundbreaking ceremony for a permanent facility for the new SIU Cancer Institute is held at the building site in Springfield.

September 2005 – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity allocates \$1 million of additional support to the SIU Cancer Institute.

November 2005 – \$10.2 million is pledged to fund SIU's cancer programs by SimmonsCooper LLC and the Simmons Family Foundation. The institute is named the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU.

July 2008 – A ceremony is held to observe the completion of the permanent facility for the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU.