



Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology - U57

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Anatomy and Biology, 36th. Street and Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There is no direct reference to the University in the corner card; however; there is a connection between the Wistar Institute and the University.

According to Diana F. Cutshall, Wistars' Manager of Public Relations, Wistar is an independent nonprofit research institu-

tion and despite being located on the University of Pennsylvania's campus between the Warton School and Logan Hall, Wistar has no official affiliation with the University. Ms. Cutshall went on to say, "Though we have unofficial ties (i.e., appropriate members of the Institute have the privilege, if they choose, of teaching

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at Penn), no formal tie has existed since Isaac Wistar bought the museum (see article) and built the Institute in 1892." The referenced article, "The Wistar Institute", *Molecular Medicine*, Giovanni Rovera, pp. 229-30, explains that Isaac Wistar was approached by Penn's "... provost for help with the restoration of the

Wistar and Horner Museum, which had been damaged over the years by fire and neglect."

The Wistar Institute, founded in 1892, is the country's oldest research facility dedicated to basic biomedical research and instruction. Wistar scientists, remembered for their development of rabies and rubella vaccines, are still working to identify the causes of disease, particularly

cancer, as a first step to the development of cures. From their findings, great leaps in medical knowledge already have been made. In recognition of these achievements, The Wistar Institute is designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) as one of only 10 Basic Science Cancer Centers. The Wistar Institute is currently located at 3601 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.