

NTU launches labs for studying chronic diseases

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Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has launched a suite of new research centres and laboratories to study the chronic diseases that affect Singaporeans. Senior Minister of State for Health, Dr Amy Khor, opened the Population and Community Health Laboratories, which is located at the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCmedicine) campus in Novena.

The labs house various centres that work on addressing the health concerns of Singaporeans including effective treatment, early prevention and health management. The venue is made up of a centre for population health sciences, as well as one for primary healthcare research and innovation. There is also an exercise medicine and physiology laboratory.

It is also home to the clinical research centre, which has already embarked on a 20-year in-depth study called Health for Life in Singapore (HELIOS). Led by LKCmedicine Professor of Cardiovascular Epidemiology John Chambers, it aims to assess the health of Singaporeans to better predict and prevent chronic diseases.