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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN PITTSBURGH — Governor Shapiro and PA Health Secretary Dr. Bogen to Highlight First-Ever Funding for Neurodegenerative Disease Research in 2025-26 Budget

Pittsburgh, PA – Tomorrow, **Governor Josh Shapiro** and **PA Department of Health Secretary Dr. Debra Bogen** will join researchers, higher education leaders, and elected officials at the University of Pittsburgh to highlight a first-ever \$5 million investment for institutions to conduct research on neurodegenerative diseases in the [2025-26 budget](#).

The [2025-26 budget](#) builds on the progress made by [the Commonwealth's first Alzheimer's Disease Division](#) established last year at the Department of Aging and continues to fund groundbreaking research on diseases like Alzheimer's, ALS, and Parkinson's in some of the nation's top research institutions — right here in Pennsylvania.

WHO:

Governor Josh Shapiro

Secretary Dr. Debra Bogen, PA Department of Health

Chancellor Joan Gabel, University of Pittsburgh

Dean Anantha Shekhar, MD, PhD, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh

Chris Donnelly, PhD, Researcher and Asst. Professor of Neurobiology, University of Pittsburgh

Representative Kyle Mullins, PA's 112th House District

WHEN:

Friday, December 19, 2025, at 12:45 PM

WHERE:

University of Pittsburgh, Biomedical Science Tower 3
3501 Fifth Ave., Room 6014
Pittsburgh, PA 15261

LIVE STREAM:

pacast.com/live/gov

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RSVP:

Press who are interested in attending must RSVP with the names and phones numbers for each member of their team to ra-gvgovpress@pa.gov.