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Dr. Chris Calabrese is the senior vice president and deputy director of the Scientific Director's Office at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In this role, he partners with the Scientific Director and senior leadership to guide the institution's scientific enterprise, directing resources that allow researchers to translate ideas into discovery.

Joining St. Jude in 2001 as a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Developmental Neurobiology, Dr. Calabrese contributed to research programs focused on understanding why pediatric brain tumors arise, spread and resist treatment. He became a staff scientist in 2005 and then inaugural director of St. Jude's

pre-clinical imaging shared resource in 2006.

During the next decade, Dr. Calabrese's work evolved into a senior administrative role, where he could leverage his background in science and experience in the laboratory to help create the ideal environment for investigators to pursue the next generation of cures for childhood catastrophic diseases.

Joining the leadership team in 2014, Dr. Calabrese played a key role in the design of the \$13.4 million Shared Resource Center, a 43,000 square-foot hub which offers an array of world-class tools and technologies under one roof for scientists across St. Jude to use in their work. He was also integral in the conception and design of the Inspiration4 Advanced Research Center, a 625,000 square-foot facility dedicated to transformative science. The \$412 million building provides nine floors of laboratory and collaboration space with the capacity to accommodate 1,000 scientists, all focused on driving discovery, and opened in Spring of 2021.

Originally from the northeast of Scotland, near Inverness, Dr. Calabrese received his Ph.D. from the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, England, and his undergraduate degree from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He undertook postdoctoral work at the Northern Institute for Cancer Research at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in England before continuing his postdoctoral training at St. Jude.

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