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The National Institute of Cardiology was born on July 16, 1927, in Hall 21 inside the General Hospital of Mexico. Initially headed by Dr Ignacio Chávez and the best Mexican physicians of the time, it was inspired by the teachings of French masters of clinical cardiology **(top)**. In 1943, as part of a countrywide modernization project, the National Institute of Cardiology was inaugurated. Two beautiful murals by the outstanding Mexican artist Diego Rivera depict the history of cardiology **(bottom left)**. In this Institute, the first International Cardiology Congress was held, hosting Paul Dudley White, Samuel Levine, and Frank N. Wilson. Because of the growth of cardiovascular diseases in Mexico, it became necessary to expand the facilities of the hospital, so in 1976, a larger cardiology center was built. It consists of 8 buildings dedicated to the care of patients with heart disease and functions as the Institute's current headquarters **(bottom right)**.

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