

# ILLINOIS BILL OF HEALTH *Healthy Returns*

## OVERVIEW

The University of Illinois at Chicago provides vital services to the State of Illinois through its Medical Center and Health Sciences Colleges. With campuses in Chicago, Urbana-Champaign, Rockford and Peoria, UIC educates more health professionals than any university in the state. But due to the rising cost of educating medical students, aging infrastructure, increasing medical malpractice insurance expenses and a decrease in state funds due to budget cuts, UIC's hospital and health sciences colleges are at risk.

Without more support, UIC may have to reduce enrollment or limit programs—jeopardizing Illinois' future supply of well-trained physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists and other medical professionals. Strong healthcare infrastructure is vital to the state's economy. Diminished healthcare resources for Illinois would have negative consequences for the state's public health and quality of life.

Through Healthy Returns, the Illinois Bill of Health, UIC is requesting that the State of Illinois create a dedicated stream of state funding that supplements traditional higher education allocations, intended strictly for medical education and training and related patient care. This funding would provide the operating support and capital funds necessary to maintain the superior level of education at the Health Sciences Colleges and teaching facilities throughout the state, as well as outstanding care at the Medical Center and clinics statewide.

## FUNDING REQUEST: \$82 MILLION

- Increase operating funds by \$10 million each year over 5 years for a total increase of \$50M annually to stem the loss of top faculty in health sciences, keep tuition affordable, avoid cuts in health professions enrollments, provide equipment and technology upgrades in teaching facilities, and allow UIC to continue providing medical and dental care to the community.
- To accommodate the AAMC target of expanding enrollment by 20% in the colleges of medicine, increase operating funds by \$5.5 million each year over 4 years, commencing no later than FY2013.
- \$10 million to complete the master plan for the University of Illinois Medical Center expansion and renovation.

## HEALTH SCIENCE COLLEGES

UIC is committed to continuing to educate and train a strong future supply of physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and allied healthcare professionals for Illinois. To best educate these professionals, UIC strives to recruit top faculty and outfit its facilities with the latest technology to keep its healthcare training at the forefront of science and medicine.

- **College of Medicine:** the largest medical school in the country offering a rich curriculum designed to ensure an encompassing medical training and promote the public interest. The College's statewide presence offers the rare opportunity for clinical rotations through federal, county, state, community and private hospitals.
  - **1,300+ medical students** each year, **85%** of whom are from Illinois and provide **1/6** Illinois physicians and **65%** of Illinois' underrepresented minority physicians
  - **\$150 million** annually in research funding generated by College of Medicine faculty with **~\$500 million** in total federal funding for active research since 2002.
- **College of Nursing:** consistently **ranked among the top ten** nursing schools in the country, providing education at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels. The student body is racially and ethnically diverse; **41 percent** of its students are members of minority groups underrepresented in the nursing profession.
  - **Ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally in NIH research funding.**
  - **67 percent** of alumni reside and work in Illinois.
- **College of Applied Health Sciences:** offers programs in nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, physical therapy, disabilities, clinical exercise physiology, biomedical visualization and health records administration, among others. All these fields are experiencing critical shortages in Illinois.
  - **Consistently ranks in the top 3 nationally in NIH funding and 4<sup>th</sup> for Occupational Therapy in the 2008 U.S. News & World Report.**
- **College of Dentistry:** one of only two dental schools in Illinois, and the only school serving the Chicago area. An estimated **5.3 million** Illinois residents receive their dental care from UIC graduates.
  - **64 DDS students/year**, and **78%** of alumni stay in Illinois to practice.
  - **44 percent** of the dentists practicing in Illinois are UIC alumni.
- **College of Pharmacy:** one of only two state-supported pharmacy schools in Illinois. Approximately **7,600 alumni** practice in **81 of Illinois' 102 counties**. The College addresses the healthcare needs of Illinois residents by discovering and developing new medications, developing improvements in medication safety and promoting more economical use of medications.
  - **Ranks 4<sup>th</sup> nationally in NIH research funding.**
  - **1/3** of the pharmacists practicing in Illinois are UIC College of Pharmacy alumni.
- **School of Public Health:** one of only 34 fully accredited schools of public health in the US and the only one in Illinois. The school trains a cadre of public health practitioners who address the physical, mental and environmental health concerns of communities and populations at risk for disease and injury.
  - **Consistently ranks in the top 10** nationally among the nation's schools of public health in total research dollars generated.

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS MEDICAL CENTER AT CHICAGO – LONG RANGE VISION: \$660 MILLION

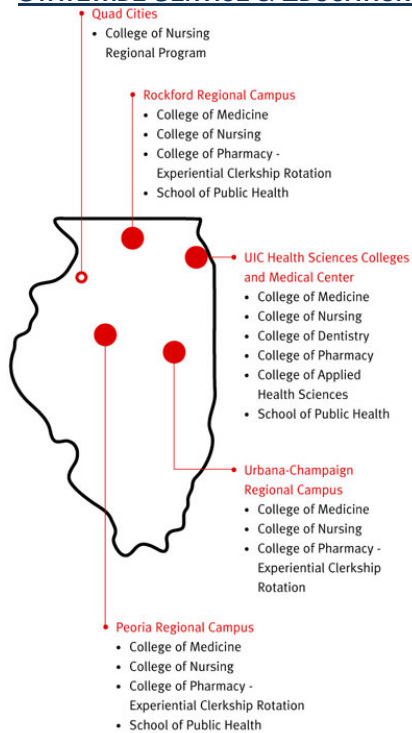
Maintain existing Hospital: \$80 million

New Hospital: \$450 million

Illinois Eye & Ear Institute: \$75 million

New Pathology Center: \$55 million

## STATEWIDE SERVICE & EDUCATION



## FACTS AND FIGURES

As the largest public medical education and healthcare facility in the state, UIC's impact reaches beyond Chicago and the regional campuses to touch every corner of Illinois. The following information helps to illustrate just how much of an impact UIC has on the state.

- UIC produces a significant share of the medical professionals practicing in Illinois:
  - 1 of 6** of all Illinois physicians
  - 70%** of the minority physicians in Chicago
  - 60%** of the minority physicians in Illinois
  - 44%** of the state's dentists
  - 33%** of the state's pharmacists
- UIC physicians are currently practicing in **virtually every county in Illinois**, providing critical healthcare services every day from Rockford to Cairo, from the Quad Cities to Champaign, from Quincy to Danville.
- UIC's College of Nursing consistently ranks among the **top 10 programs** in the nation.
- UIC's College of Medicine is the largest in the nation with **1,300 students** and home to the only **Hispanic Center for Excellence** in the Midwest. College of Medicine Programmatic Highlights include:
  - 51 ACGME accredited residency/fellow programs & 67 additional residency programs
  - 2 MD/PhD programs: Medical Scholars Program (Urbana) & Medical Scientist Training Program (Chicago)
  - Combined degrees in MD/MBA (Chicago), MD/MPH (Chicago)
  - National Center for Rural Health designed to promote the health of rural communities through partnership in education, service, research, and policy.
  - National Center of Excellence in Women's Health
  - Patient Safety Institute's online courses in partnership with the University Global campus including a Master of Science in Patient Safety Leadership and 2 graduate certificates.
- UIC's **Urban Healthcare Program** is a cross college, multidisciplinary program created to recruit, retain & graduate students from groups underrepresented in the health professions who desire to practice in medically underserved urban areas.
- UIC's Health Sciences Colleges generate more than **\$140 million a year** in federal research funding—funds that create jobs & economic growth with **~\$500 million** in total federal funding for active research in the College of Medicine since 2002.
- UIC's Health Sciences Colleges employ **nearly 7,000 faculty and staff** throughout the state.
- According to the Illinois Hospital Association, the demand for nurses will exceed the supply by **21,400 (20%) by 2020**, unless more students enroll. However, nursing school enrollment has declined about **30%** in Illinois in the last five years.

## SUPPORTERS

(the growing list of endorsers for the Illinois Bill of Health includes)

- Health Departments for over 20 Illinois Counties including:
  - Christian County Health Department
  - Cook County Department of Public Health
  - Douglas County Health Department
  - Fulton County Health Department
  - Jo Daviess County Health Department
  - Kendall County Health Department
  - Lake County Health Department
  - Lee County Health Department
  - Macon County Health Department
  - Saint Clair County Health Department
  - Southern Seven Health Department
  - Tazewell County Health Department
  - Wabash County Health Department
  - Wayne County Health Department
  - Whiteside County Health Department
- Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
- Back of the Yards Mental Health Clinic
- Chicago Central Area Committee Chicago Dental Society
- Chicago Department of Public Health
- Chicago Urban League
- Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
- CHILDSERV
- Chinese American Service League
- Gads Hill Center
- Hispanic American Construction Industry Association
- Illinois Hispanic Nurses Association
- Illinois Hospital Association
- Illinois Medical District
- Illinois Physical Therapy Association
- Illinois Rural Health Association
- Illinois State Dental Society
- Illinois State Medical Society
- Kathryn Quinn Architects
- Larsen Medical Management
- Malcolm X College
- Marcy-Newberry Association
- Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council
- Midwest Community Council
- NAACP, Westside Branch
- Nationwide Environmental, Inc./Davis Environmental Services
- Near West Side Community Development
- New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
- Omnicare of Northern Illinois
- Saint Leonard's Ministries
- Stroger Hospital of Cook County
- The Daly Group
- University Village Association
- Westside Federation
- WTW Architects, Planners, P.C.