NAME THE DR. RICHARD P. PERRY SURGICAL SUITE,  
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, CHICAGO  

Action: Name the Dr. Richard P. Perry Surgical Suite, College of Dentistry  
Funding: No New Funding Required  

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President,  
University of Illinois recommends the naming of a surgical suite in the College of  
Dentistry’s Pediatric Dentistry Ambulatory Surgery Center in recognition of Delta Dental  
of Illinois’s $500,000 commitment. The suite will be named in honor of Delta Dental  
board member, Richard P. Perry. The gift will support the construction of the Pediatric  
Dentistry Ambulatory Surgery Center.  

The space is one of two new 227-square-foot General Anesthesia (GA)  
suites and three adjacent 147-square-foot procedure rooms, making a total of 895 square  
feet of new space. The suite will be used primarily for pediatric dentistry cases five days  
a week, with three to four cases done per day in each room. Currently, an average of 220  
children and adolescents are treated under GA by the College of Dentistry annually. The  
construction of the Ambulatory Surgery Center will allow the College of Dentistry to  
serve approximately 1,470 patients a year, an increase of 568 percent in the number of  
children treated. This will help alleviate the wait list of more than 1,300 children and  
special needs patients who need GA services.
The purpose of the move to the first floor, instead of using the pediatric dental graduate clinic on the second floor, is to share space and anesthesia resources to make the operation more efficient and cost-effective than the current model of providing care in the UI Hospital or divided into two clinics in our building. This will allow the College to use existing recovery rooms, drug control systems, surgical support staff, imaging systems, and anesthesia-related workflow, among other things. Furthermore, the turnover of the GA suites between cases will be faster than it is currently in the UI Hospital, which will also help decrease expenditures.

The anticipated timeline for the project from approval to completion is approximately 18 months. Construction is anticipated to be completed in December 2019.

Delta Dental of Illinois (DDIL) is one of 39 independently operated member companies of the Delta Dental Plans Association, the largest dental benefits carrier in the country. DDIL offers an array of plans for Illinois-based employers with two or more enrolled employees and covers employees nationwide. DDIL provides both dental benefit programs and plan administration from its Lisle, Illinois, service center to 3,000 organizations and more than one million members. It offers dental managed fee-for-service, PPO, and HMO programs. Contracting with 70 percent of the practicing dentists in Illinois, DDIL processes nearly 1.5 million claims per year. Delta Dental shares in the commitment with the College of Dentistry to expand the access to oral healthcare, use its dental expertise to assure the highest quality care to its customers, and provide dependable service to respond to the needs of its customers.
The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.