

Board Meeting  
September 7, 2006

DESIGNATE THE WALTER PAYTON LIVER CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ILLINOIS MEDICAL CENTER, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve Naming of the Walter Payton Liver Center at the University of Illinois Medical Center, Chicago

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago has recommended the designating the Patient Care Unit 7 West, located at 1740 West Taylor Street at the University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago, as the Walter Payton Liver Center.

Currently, liver disease and liver transplant in-patients are treated in Patient Care Unit 7 West. The intention of dedicating this space is to create a permanent location where patients are treated and research is recognized, and to create an umbrella name for all activities related to the treatment of liver diseases.

The space will not undergo extensive physical change, such as renovation, but signage will be placed in recognition of the space designation and minor aesthetic modifications will be made. The UIC Gastrointestinal and Liver Disease (GILD) Council is embarking on a \$10.0 million philanthropic effort to expand the work of the Liver Center. One million dollars has already been committed to this project. The GILD believes the Payton naming will enhance this fundraising effort.

The dedication of the Walter Payton Liver Center would create a special opportunity for both the Walter Payton legacy and the University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago. The Liver Center will be dedicated to the cure of liver diseases, fulfilling Payton's wish to make a difference for others with liver-related illnesses. This name association will increase the Liver Center's ability to attract the field's top specialists, surgeons, and researchers, thus enabling fulfillment of the Center's mission of providing the world's most comprehensive approach to the cause, diagnosis, care, and cure of liver disease.

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 with this recommendation.