

East Carolina University...Tomorrow starts here.
2008 General Assembly – ECU Priority

ISSUE: A FAMILY MEDICINE CENTER BUILDING

DESIRED OUTCOME: East Carolina University requests \$36.8 Million in state appropriations to be added to \$10 million in funding from ECU for a Family Medicine Center at the Brody School of Medicine (BSOM).

THE CHALLENGE: As a founding department in the BSOM in 1975, the Department of Family Medicine has grown from six faculty and 18 residents to 42 faculty and 30 residents. Currently, the facility is forced to accommodate over double its capacity. A new facility is needed to achieve our mission of serving rural/primary care needs in North Carolina and educating the next generation of family physicians.

A RICH TRADITION:

- The Department of Family Medicine plays a major role in the education of medical students and in the provision of medical care to North Carolina's people.
- The Residency Training Program is one of the largest programs in the BSOM with 30 Family Medicine resident positions, four geriatric fellowship positions, one sports medicine position, and one women's health position.
- The Department of Family Medicine has earned a national reputation for developing innovative programs in education, research, and patient care.

The department has outgrown its original rented space and currently has no permanent home. A facility approximately **three times the size** of the current one is required to meet existing and future needs.

THE CURRENT FACILITY:

- Total square footage: 32,000
- The department **lacks an adequate permanent facility** and is spread over four buildings all across town; in fact, one building is up to five miles away from the main facility
- The facility was designed to accommodate 100 patients per day or 26,000 patients per year; currently, more than **200 patients per day, or 52,000 per year** are seen in the outpatient facility
- 28 exam rooms do not provide adequate space for patient care or teaching
- The patient parking lot has been relocated to a remote site; **patients are transported in golf carts**
- There are four resident physician offices to accommodate 36 residents
- The Geriatric Center is 2,000 sq ft, in a separate building, with four exam rooms and does not have laboratory, radiology or pharmacy service areas; **accessibility is challenging for the elderly patient**
- The entrance doors of the clinical facilities are not handicap accessible
- Physician faculty share administrative offices due to space constraints

THE FUTURE: A NEW FAMILY MEDICINE CENTER

- Total square footage 117,561 sq ft
- Family Medicine clinical area with **33 exam rooms and geriatric area with 12 exam rooms**
- Sports Medicine clinical area with 11 examination rooms
- Minor surgery and medical procedures area with three procedure rooms
- **Urgent Care area** with 12 exam rooms
- Physical Therapy, pharmacy, laboratory, and radiology service areas
- Patient education rooms, family counseling rooms, and patient registration area that **ensure privacy**.
- Large auditorium (up to 110 seats) plus four small classrooms for resident and medical student teaching and administrative meetings
- **Office space** for faculty, residents, students and staff
- A new family medicine center has the potential to **enhance graduate retention and attract top residents** to serve in rural/underserved areas of the state, ultimately providing better health care