The need

» Nevada ranks poorly in most health indicators with an overall state health ranking of 38th. We must do more to improve health and health care for all of Nevada citizens.

» Nevada ranks 48th nationally in number of primary care physicians per capita.

» The University of Nevada School of Medicine must expand its Reno campus to a full four-year capability, in tandem with the launch of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas medical school, in order to expand the pipeline of Nevada medical students to match Nevada’s growth.

» With Nevada's population expected to be “majority minority” by 2020, the University of Nevada School of Medicine is promoting an inclusive physician workforce through an array of pipeline programs. Funding for these efforts is necessary to reach more diverse students.

» The University of Nevada School of Medicine is linking far-flung rural patients with specialty health care through the advanced technology and specialists of Project ECHO. These high-impact programs require increased funding to improve rural health statistics.

The solution

A full, four-year campus in Reno, new graduate medical education (GME) partnerships in Reno and Las Vegas and expanded outreach to rural communities.

Enhanced funding will support the development of a full four-year School of Medicine campus in Reno, strengthen clinical teaching by community physicians, expand clinical research opportunities and support increased outreach by specialists to rural communities.

Biennium request for 2015-2016: $1,513,660
*Total instruction and academic support budget: 81%

Biennium request for 2016-2017: $3,571,580
*Total instruction and academic support budget: 89%

The impact

» Increase diversity enrollment through pipeline programs

» Higher rate of recruitment of Nevada students

» Improved health care access for Nevadans

» Expanded teaching capacity through Reno community faculty collaborations

» Increased student satisfaction with less family and job disruption with a full four-year Reno campus

» Selective opportunities for specialty teaching and residencies in Las Vegas
**The need**

Graduate medical education (GME) is the phase of primary care or specialty residency training following graduation from medical school. This phase lasts three to five years for residency, plus additional years for fellowship training. GME prepares a doctor to practice in a primary care or specialty field.

University of Nevada School of Medicine students who graduate from the School of Medicine and complete residency training in Nevada have an 80 percent likelihood of staying in the state to practice medicine. Students who complete residency training out of state have a 40 percent chance of returning to Nevada.

**The solution**

Collaborating with hospital partners including Renown Health in Reno and MountainView Hospital in Las Vegas, expand and develop new residency and fellowship training programs in specialties most needed in Nevada and most sought by medical students.

**The impact**

These newly-funded GME positions will be added to the 250 or more new residency positions planned at MountainView Hospital, with which the School of Medicine is the current academic partner, resulting in a total of 680 positions statewide. By funding new and expanded residency and fellowship training programs, more physicians will train and stay in Nevada and elevate both the health and economic status for all who live here.

For more information, visit [moredoctorsfornevada.com](http://moredoctorsfornevada.com) and [medicine.nevada.edu/expansion](http://medicine.nevada.edu/expansion).

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