LAS VEGAS MEDICAL DISTRICT AND UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS (UNLV) SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

LAS VEGAS MEDICAL DISTRICT (LVMD)
Established by the Las Vegas City Council in 1997, the Las Vegas Medical District (LVMD) saw limited development for years, but today is evolving into one of the most important economic development projects in southern Nevada. LVMD will enhance and expand access to quality medical care; attract new, high-paying employers to the region and advance a higher quality of life. The city is working on implementing the LVMD master plan to guide comprehensive development that will include new facilities, infrastructure and other critical needs.

Centrally located in downtown Las Vegas, LVMD encompasses approximately 684 acres with the core of the district generally bounded by Charleston Boulevard on the south, Rancho Drive on the west, Alta Drive on the north, and Martin L. King Boulevard on the east. Growth of the LVMD will stimulate development near city of Las Vegas’ vital downtown assets such as the Fremont East Entertainment District, Symphony Park and the 18b, The Las Vegas Arts District.

CURRENTLY OPERATING WITHIN THE LVMD:
- University Medical Center (UMC) – Nevada’s only Level 1 Trauma Center
- Children’s Hospital at UMC – only hospital in Nevada recognized as an associate member of the National Association of Children’s Hospitals and related institutions
- Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health - offering treatment and ground-breaking clinical trials/research for neuro-degenerative diseases
- Valley Hospital Medical Center – containing a solution-oriented behavioral health unit
- Desert Radiology and Steinberg Diagnostic Medical Imaging – providing southern Nevada’s premier radiology and diagnostic imaging
- Institutions of Higher Learning:
  - UNLV School of Medicine – first class starts in 2017
  - UNLV School of Dental Medicine
  - Clinical Simulation Center of Las Vegas
  - Wet lab and research space
  - Touro University (Valley Hospital Medical Center is the teaching hospital for Touro)
  - UNLV Medicine Ackerman Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment Solutions (opened July 2016) – UNLV School of Medicine’s first clinical practice

UNLV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Founding Dean Barbara Atkinson, MD, UNLV School of Medicine

OVERVIEW
The UNLV School of Medicine was officially established on Aug. 22, 2014 when the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents approved funding for the medical school’s startup costs. The budget went to the 2015 legislature for approval. On June 11, 2015, Gov. Brian Sandoval signed Senate Bill 514 into law that provided nearly $27 million for the medical school.

Currently recruiting its first class of 60 students who will start in July 2017, the UNLV School of Medicine is foundational to the growth of the Las Vegas Medical District and is considered its cornerstone.
It is a full-scale, four-year allopathic medical school that will be an integral part of a vibrant, research-intensive public university. The medical school's mission is to improve access to high-quality health care in southern Nevada by increasing the number of physicians and trained specialists who are committed to serving the region. One of the primary goals of the UNLV School of Medicine is to provide diverse and medically underserved populations access to timely, high-quality health care. The accompanying Academic Health Center will serve as the core infrastructure for the entire medical community and generate top-quality research that spans the basic and clinical sciences.

**VISION**

Create a world-class center of excellence and innovation for medical education, patient care and research that prepares Nevada's physicians with the most advanced knowledge, treatments and technologies while serving the health care needs of our diverse urban community.

**MILESTONES**

- Achieved preliminary accreditation in Oct. 2016 and is accepting its first class of students
- Charter class of 60 students starts July 2017
- Newly remodeled Shadow Lane campus provides 20,000 square feet and includes classrooms for microscopy and demonstrations, a virtual anatomy laboratory, a medical library, small group study rooms, a student lounge, a recreational gym and student locker space.
- Launch clinical practice (UNLV Medicine) July 2017
- Open first UNLV Medicine multispecialty clinic May 2019
- Inaugural class graduates in May 2021

**ECONOMIC IMPACT**

The UNLV School of Medicine is expected to have the following impacts by 2030, according to Tripp Umbach:

- Economic impact: $1.2 billion
- Employment impact: 8,000 jobs
- State General Fund revenues: $60 million
- ROI to State General Fund: $1.15 generated for every $1.00 of investment in UNLV School of Medicine

**ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER**

UNLV is creating southern Nevada's first regional Academic Health Center. An academic health center will establish a robust system of medical facilities and services, including but not limited to a medical school, one or more additional health profession schools and an affiliated teaching hospital. There are approximately 45 Academic Health Centers in the country. Thus, the establishment of an Academic Health Center is a huge advancement for our region.

**UNLV ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER IS COMPRISSED OF:**

- The UNLV School of Medicine and the university’s health science schools including nursing, allied health, community health sciences and dentistry. All five schools eventually will locate to the Shadow Lane campus near the University Medical Center (UMC).
- An affiliation with UMC, which will serve as the primary teaching hospital, will further the development of innovative clinical programs, expand the scope of residency programs and develop advanced clinical research programs.
- An integrated network of regional health care delivery institutions including private hospitals, private medical schools, a VA hospital, rehabilitation facilities, research institutes, nursing homes, and community health centers.