Why A UNLV School of Medicine?

The Need to Serve Our Community
- Nevada is unable to meet the current healthcare needs of its citizens
- Las Vegas is the largest U.S. metropolitan area without an allopathic medical school
- Nevada ranks 46th in U.S. for number of active primary care physicians per 100,000 population
- Current business model exports doctors from Southern Nevada and the state
- The growing population – including retirees – in Southern Nevada will require more physicians. Almost 25 percent of Nevada’s total active physicians were age 60 or older
- Students who complete both their undergraduate medical education and graduate medical education – or residencies – in the same state have a 70 percent chance of remaining to serve the community
- The chance of students remaining in a state is less than 50 percent if they only complete their graduate medical education – or residencies – in that state

Vision of a UNLV School of Medicine
- Improve access to high-quality health care in the Southern Nevada region
- Emphasize urban and medically underserved and diverse populations
- Increase the number of medical specialists
- Generate high-level clinical care, specialty care, and clinical research
- Capitalize on UNLV’s strengths through existing academic programs in the schools of allied health sciences, dental medicine, community health sciences, nursing and the College of Sciences
- Integrate public undergraduate medical education and graduate medical education – or residencies – to cultivate more doctors staying to serve Southern Nevada residents
- Partner with other Nevada System of Higher-Education Institutions, Veteran’s Administration, local and regional hospitals, Cleveland Clinic/Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, and Nevada State Health Division
- Initiate a class of 60 medical students by FY 2017-18, expanding to 120 students in four years

Economic Impact
- Create more than 5,300 jobs by 2025 and a total of 8,000 jobs by 2030
- Generate annual economic impact of more than $800 million by 2025 and $1.2 billion by 2030
- Expand the health services sector (Las Vegas has smallest share compared to any other top 100 U.S. Metro area)
- Spur medical innovations that stimulate the state economy
- Generate $40 million in annual government revenue for Nevada by 2025 and $60 million by 2030
- Leverage economies of scale and synergies for public undergraduate medical education and graduate medical education – or residencies

References
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