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SIU School of Medicine is guided by our mission to assist the people of central and southern Illinois in meeting their present and future health needs through education, patient care, research and service to the community. We work to train caring and competent physicians, to develop new models for providing health care in rural areas, and to provide a clinical practice focused on the health care needs of central and southern Illinois. The School is part of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Beginning in 1970, our founding dean, Richard H. Moy, M.D., and newly recruited department chairs, clinical, basic science and medical education faculty literally created the School's innovative competency-based curriculum. In 1975 the School received full accreditation and 24 advanced-standing students received their M.D. degrees, followed in 1976 by the graduation of 43 students in the charter class. Since then, classes have graduated every spring, bringing the total in 2011 to nearly 2,400 new physicians.

Today, the School encompasses a complete sequence of programs beginning with undergraduate medical education and progressing through residency training and continuing education for practicing physicians. J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D., was named our third dean and provost in 2001.

Using existing University and community resources in Carbondale and Springfield, the School has grown rapidly. In Carbondale, home of our parent campus, the faculty deliver the basic science curriculum using various science facilities. Springfield, 170 miles to the north, is the site of the remaining three years of undergraduate curriculum and residency programs, a basic science and clinical faculty of 350-some, and the School's central administration. Approximately 750 downstate physicians serve as volunteer and part-time faculty for both locations.

In 2007, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) awarded the School full accreditation for another eight years, the maximum length of accreditation awarded. The LCME report highlighted the national prominence of our problem-based learning curriculum and the supportive relationship we have with our two teaching hospitals in Springfield, Memorial Medical Center and St. John's Hospital.

The School has grown to one of the largest local employers, offering considerable medical expertise and supporting Springfield's role as a medical destination. A medical district, which includes the medical school, has been established in the city to advance activities in research and patient care. The Mid-Illinois Medical District will develop facilities and undertake projects to advance the city's position as a medical center of excellence. www.midillinoismedicaldistrict.org

The School is funded by state appropriations, clinical income, research grants, tuition, service contracts and philanthropic gifts. Our total annual budget is approximately \$147.5 million (FY11); about 27 percent is from state appropriations.

Our emphasis on outreach and service has focused this medical school on growth so that we can continue being a dynamic resource for the people of Illinois.

- The School's facilities include University-owned structures and leased space in our affiliated community hospitals. In Carbondale, most activities are based in Wheeler and Lindegren Halls, Life Science II and III, and Neckers Building. In Springfield, we are located in 22 buildings. The Medical Instructional Facility at 801 N. Rutledge houses many classrooms, laboratories, offices and the medical library. Our clinical offices in Springfield are located primarily in the SIU Clinics/ Richard H. Moy Building and the Baylis Medical Building, across from Memorial Medical Center, and in the Pavilion and Carol Jo Vecchie Women and Children's Center, at St. John's Hospital.
- SIU has residency training programs for physicians in 16 specialty areas -- dermatology, family medicine, internal medicine, medicine/psychiatry, neurology, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, radiology and seven surgery programs including emergency medicine, general surgery, orthopaedics, otolaryngology, plastic surgery, urology and vascular surgery. Our graduate programs lead to master's and doctoral degrees in pharmacology, physiology, and molecular biology, microbiology and biochemistry.
- Patients come from throughout Illinois and the Midwest for a full range of services, including tertiary-level specialty care, provided by our group practice, SIU HealthCare. In FY10, faculty at our various clinical sites had more than 533,000 patient visits. SIU works in partnership with hospitals and clinics throughout Illinois, extending its clinical outreach efforts to 55 Illinois communities.
- A permanent facility in Springfield for the Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU opened in 2010. The Institute is focusing the School's efforts on cancer research, physician and public education, and treatment for patients from across central and southern Illinois and will reach throughout the entire downstate region.
- The Parkinson Center at SIU, one of the national centers of excellence affiliated with the National Parkinson Foundation, and our Center for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders have a core faculty of clinicians and researchers in Springfield as well as a network of "memory and aging clinics" throughout the state.



- The School of Medicine is a partner with St. John's Hospital in the development of St. John's Children's Hospital, which combines SIU's faculty resources with the pediatric facilities and services of St. John's. It is accredited by the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions.
- Designated a Level I trauma center by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Southern Illinois Trauma Center is a cooperative effort of Memorial Medical Center, St. John's Hospital and the School of Medicine. It began providing trauma care for west central and southern Illinois in July 1999.
- Our research efforts continue to grow and expand, adding to the atmosphere of study and inquiry so important for a medical school. With more than \$31.7 million (FY10) in funding and more than 100 research labs in Springfield and Carbondale, many of our research programs are becoming nationally recognized including those in aging, hearing and neuroscience.

While we can point to much of our own growth, we also recognize our many alumni who are in practice and who are helping us meet our mandate to assist the people of Illinois with their health care needs. We have graduates working and teaching throughout the Midwest and the country — we're very pleased with what they've accomplished.