

MEASURES TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE
TCOM AND ALL UNTHSC SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

The UNT System and the UNTHSC have stated that a new medical school offering an MD degree on the campus of the UNTHSC will not be recommended or accepted unless the permanent vitality and viability of TCOM and all other UNTHSC schools are assured. When the new MD School is developed, the UNTHSC President, UNT System Chancellor, and UNT System Board of Regents will adopt formal policies to assure the permanent vitality and viability for all UNTHSC programs that will:

- 1) Support existing UNTHSC programs, and augment and enhance programs where possible;
- 2) Be in the best interest of the UNTHSC's current and future students;
- 3) Ensure funds are not diverted from other UNTHSC programs, including TCOM and other schools, to support the new MD School;
- 4) Generate separate funds for start-up of the new MD School that will not come from any existing program of the UNTHSC, including TCOM. Resources needed for the development and startup of the MD School on the campus of the UNTHSC shall be paid for from extramural philanthropic and local community funds restricted by the provider as being solely for that purpose;
- 5) Continue the institutional policy that funds provided to the UNTHSC from direct legislative appropriations attributable to each of the existing schools shall be allocated to the benefit of the educational programs of that school. Institutional formula assessment for support of the common campus infrastructure and strategic investment fund shall be applied proportionately and uniformly to all schools. Consistent with current institutional policy, the new MD School will incur the same infrastructure "tax rate" as TCOM and the other schools and colleges of the UNTHSC, which will likely reduce the relative infrastructure cost to all institutional programs;
- 6) Assure that services of existing faculty and other employees of the UNTHSC needed to participate in the planning of the MD School will require the approval of the respective Dean or Vice President for such services; Adequate resources will be available to support the additional faculty needed from those schools participating in the education of the students in the MD School;
- 7) Cause no reduction in TCOM class size and allow the planned increase to 230 matriculating students per class as outlined in the UNTHSC five-year strategic plan;
- 8) Maintain TCOM's mission for primary care as a priority for the UNTHSC;
- 9) Assure TCOM class size is larger than MD School class size;
- 10) Have a separate dean for TCOM consistent with accreditation requirements;
- 11) Maintain the customary and necessary infrastructure for TCOM's dean;

- 12) Enable the TCOM dean to continue the traditions, heritage, and philosophy of osteopathy in TCOM;
- 13) Share new clinical training sites which will be required to support both the MD and DO programs. All affiliations secured by the UNTHSC to provide opportunities for clinical education shall allow access for all students enrolled in UNTHSC programs. Student distribution to affiliated teaching sites shall assure proportional access according to enrollment unless otherwise agreed to by the deans of the respective schools;
- 14) Continue the institutional approach that funds received by the UNTHSC from contracts with affiliated entities for the administration and oversight of graduate or undergraduate medical education programs shall be distributed proportionately to the schools and programs participating, according to their student enrollment;
- 15) Continue the collaborative approach regarding faculty from the new MD School and will encourage faculty to participate in the teaching in other schools with agreed-upon funding for this educational opportunity. Likewise, faculty from other schools should be able to provide educational training in their specialty to the new MD School with appropriate funding provided;
- 16) Continue the policy that unrestricted philanthropic funds received by the UNTHSC Foundation (501c3) will be used to benefit the UNTHSC and its programs as directed by its bylaws. The MD School will receive specifically directed gifts in the same manner as donations directed to TCOM and other programs and schools which will be used exclusively for the intended purpose specified by the donor;
- 17) Provide adequate facilities for students in both the new school and existing schools/ programs. Facility renovations planned will continue as scheduled. TCOM will be housed primarily in the new 113,000 square foot Medical Education & Training building;
- 18) Continue the same institutional policies to direct incremental resources to increase and sustain student class sizes of each of the schools consistent with the five-year plan. Such resources shall include faculty and facilities as may be determined by the dean of the respective school, consistent with accreditation standards, to assure the reasonable execution of its curriculum and to increase opportunity for inter-professional educational experiences. Addition of the MD School will not affect the student/faculty ratio as determined by the faculty adequacy model;
- 19) Continue current institutional policies regarding research space. Research space will not be reduced or compromised and adequate space, start-up funds, office space, and access to Information Resources & Technology will be provided for all programs, including new faculty for the MD School.