MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Acquisition of a Bi-plane Neuroradiology Special Procedures Imaging System – University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Date: October 8, 2001

Recommended Action:
Approve Acquisition of a Bi-plane Neuroradiology Special Procedures Imaging System.

Executive Summary:

Regent Procedural Guide
The Regent Procedural Guide §8.11 requires Board approval for equipment costing more than $1,000,000.

Equipment Purchase
The University of Iowa requests approval to acquire a replacement Siemens Neuroradiology imaging system for $1,456,592. The source of funding is the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) Fund for Capital Equipment Acquisition for FY 2001-02.

This project is necessary to replace a worn out, existing Diagnostic and Interventional Neuroradiology (INR) X-ray angiography system purchased in 1993. In the last year, over $200,000 in repair parts and labor have been spent to keep this older system functional. The current equipment also lacks important advanced imaging capabilities that now are considered essential for contemporary INR practice. Purchase of the requested new X-ray system will provide the UIHC with the most advanced state-of-the-art Neuroradiology X-ray system.

The requested equipment will be purchased through the University of Iowa's University Hospital Consortium (UHC) purchasing contract. Two companies (Siemens Medical Systems, Inc. and Philips Medical Systems North America) offer this type of equipment. Siemens was less expensive than the comparable system offered by Philips.

The requested Siemens Neuroradiology X-ray system is Y2K compliant.

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