

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Iowa  
**Date:** March 1, 2004

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**Recommended Action:**

Approve the University of Iowa's proposal to form a new Department of Emergency Medicine.

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**Executive Summary:**

Program Goal	The program is intended to address the needs of the State of Iowa in the training of emergency medicine physician specialists with particular emphasis on emergency medicine in rural areas. The new Department will appoint faculty, teach medical students, train young physicians as emergency medicine specialists, and conduct research in emergency medicine.
Emergency Medicine an independent program since 2000	The Program in Emergency Medicine has existed as an independent program in the Carver College of Medicine since approval by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa in 2000. Since the establishment of the program, program faculty have been organized from various departments. The action requested of the Board at this time would establish a Department of Emergency Medicine as a distinct administrative entity.
Rationale	The primary rationale for this proposal is to enhance the quality of the clinical, research, and educational endeavors of the University of Iowa. Emergency Medicine is a discrete specialty, with its own residency training programs, board certification process, clinical practice, and research objectives.
Services provided	The proposed Department of Emergency Medicine will also act as an interface and extension of the University by providing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) specialty training in Emergency Medicine to medical school graduates;</li><li>2) paramedic training and certification;</li><li>3) advanced life support training to community physicians;</li><li>4) assistance with state and regional disaster planning and management;</li><li>5) Emergency Medical System (EMS) oversight and education;</li><li>6) medical student teaching and oversight.</li></ol>

Relationship to Institutional Mission	The proposed department's role in the production of trained practitioners in emergency medicine would advance the mission of the University. The University's mission, in part, is to use research and creativity to enhance both the education as well as the health care and other services it provides to the people of Iowa.
Cost and Institutional Capacity	The Program in Emergency Medicine is currently funded by University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics with the support of the Carver College of Medicine. No increase in resource needs is anticipated for this change in status.
Duplication of State Program Offerings	There are no other Emergency Medicine residency training programs in the State of Iowa.
Accreditation Status	The Emergency Medicine Residency Training Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

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**Link to Strategic Plan:** The formation of the Department of Emergency Medicine aligns with the Board's 2004-2009 Strategic Plan. In particular, this action reflects implementation of the following strategies:

- 2.1. Support and increase research, scholarship, and creative activities at the Regent institutions to serve the needs of Iowa and its citizens.
- 3.2. Improve the quality of life in Iowa through educational outreach programs, exceptional and accessible health care, cultural and recreational opportunities, and other valued public services in response to the needs of Iowans.

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