

# Blueprint for Quality Enhancement In the USC School of Medicine 2007 - 2011

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## I. Vision, Mission, and Goals

### A. Executive Summary and Mission Statement

#### 1. **Vision Statement**

The USC SOM will be a highly regarded community-based medical school recognized for the quality of its educational, research, and service programs and their relevance to the needs of the citizens of South Carolina.

Assessment: The SOM had its strongest entering class in history, significantly increased its research productivity, and expanded its clinical services.

#### 2. **Mission Statement**

The mission of the USC SOM is to improve the health of the people of the state of South Carolina through medical education, research, and the delivery of health care. Allocation of resources reflects the health care needs of South Carolina with respect to healthcare providers and focused research as well as the requirements for accreditation by all appropriate organizations.

**Education:** Medical and graduate education are conducted in a highly personal atmosphere which emphasizes a balance between scientific disciplines, humanistic concerns, and societal needs and results in highly competitive, competent, caring graduates.

Assessment: Medical student national board scores and residency match were excellent in 2006. Applications to the Ph.D. program more than doubled this year.

**Research:** Research in the basic biomedical sciences, in the clinical sciences, and in the delivery of health care is conducted to promote excellence in medical education, the development and application of new knowledge, and will be recognized as such by external entities.

Assessment: Publications, grant applications, and extramural funding were all up significantly in 2005-2006

**Service:** Faculty members, both in the course of teaching and in order to maintain superior clinical skills, provide comprehensive outpatient and inpatient services to patients, consult with other physicians, other health care professionals and health care agencies throughout the state to improve the health of the state's citizens, and provide professional service to USC, the SOM, granting agencies, governmental organizations, professional societies, and the public.

Assessment: The clinical practice plan generated almost \$40 million in practice revenues, and the SOM clinical departments provided over \$4.5 million in uncompensated medical care. Clinical services were expanded in needed areas (neurology, neurosurgery, pulmonary, and infectious disease). Faculty are heavily involved in professional services throughout the institution and nationally.

**3. Long-Term Goals**

**a. Educational Goals**

To provide educational programs of excellence for medical, graduate, and undergraduate students that are conducted in a highly personal atmosphere, utilize the latest in methodology and technology, and emphasize a balance between scientific discipline, humanistic concerns, and the needs of SC.

**b. Research Goals**

To promote and conduct discipline-specific as well as multidisciplinary biomedical science, clinical science, and health services research in focused areas of special need in SC.

**c. Service Goals**

To provide comprehensive outpatient and inpatient services to patients in SC in consultation with other physicians, other health care professionals, and health care agencies, and to provide professional service to USC, the SOM, granting agencies, governmental organizations, professional societies, and the public.

**d. Administrative Goals**

To provide and support quality facilities, equipment, faculty, and staff necessary to achieve the USC SOM educational, research, and service goals.