



EDUCATING THE NEW ENDODONTIST FOR AMERICA

Making Endodontics Even More Vital for our Students, Faculty, and Alumni

Department of Endodontics

The Department of Endodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry has a unique history. Started by the innovative and nationally renowned Dr. Charles G. Maurice in 1965, the department also was chaired for many years by Dr. Nijole A. Remeikis, the first woman diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics and an internationally honored endodontic educator. The department in the 1990s offered the first endodontic microscopy center in the Midwest, providing a unique level of training to students and continuing education opportunities to alumni and others.

As the College of Dentistry embarks on its \$35 million Brilliant Futures Campaign, one of the most critical initiatives will impact the Department of Endodontics as we strive to raise \$2 million in private support to create a state-of-the-art endodontic post-

graduate clinic. The success of the Brilliant Futures Campaign will allow for the Department of Endodontics to maintain and expand its teaching and research missions.

A New Postgraduate Endodontics Clinic

The current Postgraduate Endodontics Clinic is almost 30 years old and was not designed to support contemporary endodontic practice. For example, although we made the transition from film-based imaging to digital radiography several years ago, we still have only one x-ray unit for 12 residents. This often creates a back-up at the x-ray unit, decreases efficiency, and presents an infection-control challenge.

In addition, even though microscopes and all other essential equipment and supplies are readily available in the clinic, the overall design is not well-suited for efficient

and ergonomic clinical practice. Four-handed dentistry is virtually impossible in our current clinic, and the ability to document and demonstrate procedures is very limited. Compliance with current HIPPA and OSHA regulations also is a constant challenge in a clinic that was built long before these rules were in effect.

In response to the College's Vision to be considered among the best U.S. dental schools, the Department is committed to graduating the New Endodontist for America, ready to serve the country's diverse population while moving the profession of endodontics ever forward. To support the education of this New Endodontist for America, the department is planning to build a new Postgraduate Endodontics Clinic with 14 operatories measuring ten feet by ten feet, and one larger surgical suite measuring ten by 16 feet.



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Each operatory will feature a chair as well as high-speed and two low-speed hand-pieces, two irrigating syringes, suction, and a piezoelectric ultrasonic unit, all ready for chairside use. There will be new chairs and cabinetry, microscopes, digital radiography, overhead lighting, x-ray capability in each operatory, and documentation capability for all procedures.

Four-handed dentistry will be possible, with room for assistants in the operatories. There will be room for undergraduates to observe and assist postgrads. The operatories also will allow students and faculty from the College's other specialty training programs

to collaborate with those from the Department of Endodontics, and allow hands-on continuing education for practicing endodontists for the first time.

The operatories will be configured to allow innovations in endodontic therapy such as regenerative dentistry and dental implants, and to teach students a team approach to diagnosis and treatment planning.

Each operatory will maximize patient privacy and be completely HIPPA and OSHA compliant. That will in turn benefit the students, who will be able to transition to private practice all the more easily.

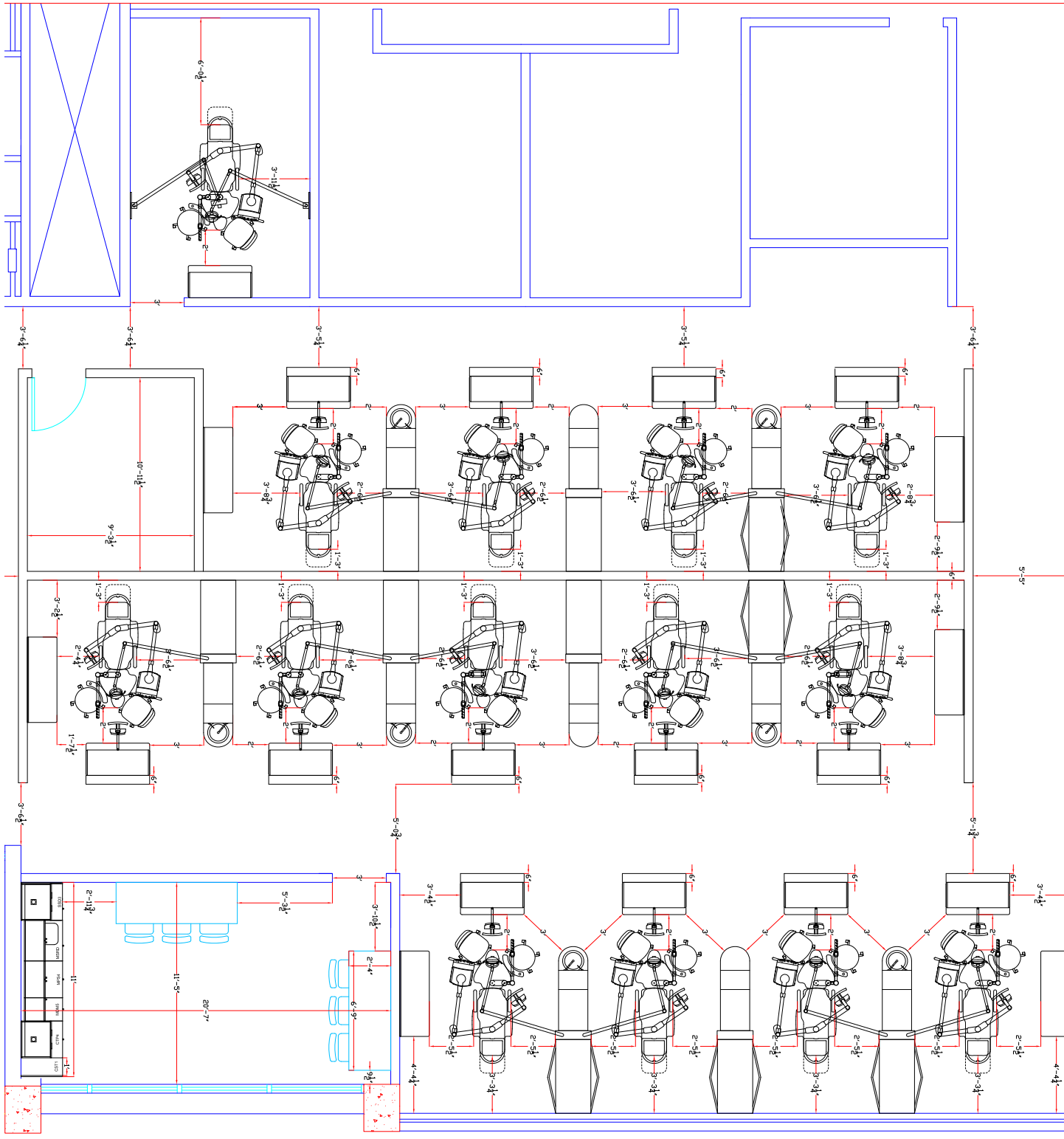
New Clinic Will Support Key Goals

The Department of Endodontics continues to seek recognition as one of the top clinical endodontic training programs in the world, while at the same time actively engaging our residents in important clinical and translational research. To reach this goal, we need three things: great students, great faculty, and a great facility.

Our current group of full-time and part-time clinical faculty is one of the strongest in the country. We are also very fortunate to have established ongoing collaborative arrangements with top-notch biomedical research scientists. However, many of the

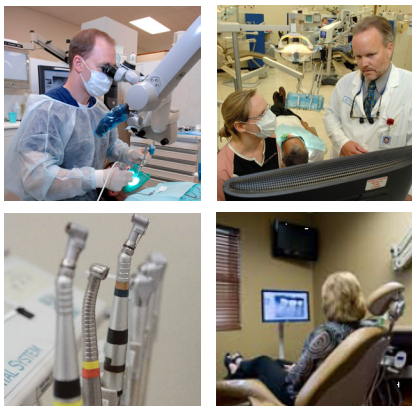
current full-time clinical faculty will be retiring over the next decade and we need to create an environment that will attract the best of the next generation of endodontic educators. We continue to recruit the best students from a highly competitive applicant pool—alumni of our program are evidence of this.

Even so, we are losing ground to other programs that offer state-of-the-art clinical training facilities. In the future, the best students and the best faculty will gravitate to the programs with the best facilities and training opportunities. Our new Postgraduate Endodontics Clinic will be more than



The state-of-the-art postgraduate Endodontics Clinic (see images on opposite page) will include surgical microscopes, digital radiography, overhead lighting, and x-ray capability in each operatory. Four-handed dentistry will become the norm and the operatories will be configured in such a way to allow for innovations in endodontic therapy such as regenerative dentistry and dental implants.

Naming opportunities exist for all 14 of the operatories as well as the ten by 16 foot surgical suite (see floor plan at left).



a long-overdue replacement for the current antiquated facility; it will help position UIC's as one of the premier clinical Endodontics programs in the world.

Giving Opportunities Through the Brilliant Futures Campaign

The Department of Endodontics has set a goal of raising \$2 million during the Brilliant Futures Campaign to renovate facilities and better prepare its students for the challenges they will face in the 21st century.

- A gift of \$750,000 or more will allow for the naming rights for the new Department of Endodontics Postgraduate Clinic
- The naming of the Surgical Suite with a gift of \$100,000.
- The naming of the 14 Operatories at \$50,000 each.
- Adding your name to the Postgraduate Clinic initiative Honor Roll of Donors with gifts of \$10,000 or more
- The naming of the Consultation Room with a gift of \$25,000.

- The naming of the Clinical Support Staff and Equipment Staging Area with a gift of \$25,000.
- Renovations of faculty offices, sterilization areas, seminar rooms, meeting rooms, business offices, reception/patient areas, and the Remeikis Endodontic Microscopy Center at various giving levels.

An Invitation to Partnership

The success of the Brilliant Futures Campaign for the Department of Endodontics hinges on the generous support of alumni, other endodontic specialists, and friends in the corporate and private sectors who share our passion to educate and prepare future generations of dental specialists.

We invite you to partner with us in this Brilliant Futures Campaign as we strive to reach our goal of \$2 million. Your willingness to support these initiatives will ensure the success of the Department and its programs for decades to come.

We encourage your active participation

and your feedback. And, we thank you in advance for your generous support.

To learn more about the Brilliant Futures Educating a New Endodontist for America campaign and how you can play a role in this exciting funding initiative, please one of the following:

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