The 184,000-square-foot North-South Pavilion will be the new home for UC Davis Medical Center’s acute-care inpatient and outpatient services, as well as central sterile processing, pharmacy, pathology laboratory, surgical services and neurosurgical intensive-care units. The earthquake that shattered California general acute-care hospitals, which together incurred more than $3 billion in damages, was 1994’s Northridge quake, which struck near Los Angeles. The legislation imposed a 2008 deadline for upgrading many of these buildings to meet the standards necessary to avoid collapse during a strong earthquake. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) then determined, however, that the new standards exceed those needed to ensure more efficient seismic structure. The California Seismic Safety Commission’s Northridge quake−related retrofit program was launched in May 2004.

The earthquake that struck northern California last January in the Santiago de Atitlan area, northwest of San Salvador, was a far smaller event. The campus buildings were not damaged, and the university’s insurance policy did not cover the loss, so the university will not be forced to repair the damage. But the university will have to make additional investments to ensure that its buildings are safe.

The building will encompass the current medical center’s North-South Wing, which was not designed to meet the seismic standards that were in place when it was built. The building is 470,000 square feet and contains 1,500 beds, but only 1,100 are inpatient beds. The remaining 400 beds are in the intensive-care units. The building will also be the new home for the university’s surgical services and neurosurgical services, including the hospital’s surgical intensive-care units.

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HELP ASSESS FAMILY-SUPPORTED POLICIES AND BIOMEDICAL CAREERS

The National Institutes of Health last October funded 14 grants, including one to UC Davis, that focus on collecting demographic data on biomedical trainees and their families, with the goal of finding policies that influence the careers of women in medicine. This fall, the National Institutes of Health funded "search for knowledge" for minority researchers, and the UC Davis award will enable us to evaluate the use and elaboration of family-friendly biomedical programs, and the research career satisfaction of trainees in radiation oncology, pediatrics and surgery, including the impact of family-supportive policies, and their career satisfaction related to these policies. We will conduct surveys during each of the four years to get a sense of the training experience of our residents and fellows, and ultimately to the success of these new policies.

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A WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY COLLEAGUES

Each edition of the faculty newsletter introduces several new faculty members who recently joined the UC Davis Health System community. Watch for more new clinical and research staff members in the next issue.

Steven Brass studying sleep and respiratory disorders

Many sleep medicine specialist Steven Brass, M.D., M.P.H., has experience in alternative sleep apnea treatments for childhood obstructive sleep apnea treatment for neonatal lung disease, sleep disorder syndromes, narcolepsy, and REM sleep behavior disorders. He is engaged in an investigation into the relationship between sleep duration and sleep characteristics of patients with volatile sleep behavior disorders. A clinical professor of medicine at UC Davis Medical Center, he is the principal investigator of a variety of clinical trials and academic and industry-sponsored research grants.

Other new colleagues

• Mark T. Coleman, M.D., an authority on the use of antioxidants and free radicals in radiation oncology, has expertise in lymphoma radiation therapy. Coleman is a senior scientist at the National Science Foundation and professor of medical oncology and radiology at the UC Davis School of Medicine. The Director of the Center for Clinical Medical Physics, he published one of the studies on the efficacy of the patient radiation dose delivered by both the linear accelerator and the New England Journal of Medicine has found that patients undergoing radiation therapy also receive some benefits by learning what they can do at home.

• Sharon Fishman, M.D., specializes in the early care of newborns and has experience in assessing the physical, emotional, and spiritual health needs of the new mother and newborn.
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PEDIATRIC AND AVIATION MEDICINE

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Many specialists study Steven Bruss, M.D., M.P.H., for his expertise in alternative sleep apnea therapies. He is a board-certified internist for treatment of narcolepsy, sleep paralysis, periodic leg movements of sleep and sleep-related breathing disorders. He is engaged in an ongoing research project evaluating the sleep characteristics of patients with restless leg syndrome. He is a past chief of the sleep disorders clinic, a clinical professor of radiology at the University of Washington and co-founder of the Sleep Medicine Residency Program.

Jennifer Davenport directs pediatric interventional cardiology
Early in her postgraduate training, Davenport recognized that cardiac catheterization laboratories were places where she could combine her focus in pediatric cardiology with her passion for teaching. She accepts care for children both with common and complex cardiac problems.

Wander obtained much of his medical expertise during a tour of duty in 1960 in Korea. Although he had been stationed at Mather Air Force Base in California, Wander regarded his establishment of the pediatric intensive care unit at Mather and the New England Journal of Medicine has published more than 500 papers, including one examining the association between blood pressure and sleep disorders. He is a contributor to a textbook for Neurology residents and a reviewer for the Journal of the Peripheral and Central Nervous Systems.

Brennan Danziger, M.D., an assistant professor of pediatrics, has performed more than 1000 open heart surgeries at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, which has been ranked among the best pediatric cardiac centers in the country. Danziger received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed his pediatric residency at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

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Our thanks to the community—we’re excited and ready to build the future for our patients and families. For more on the Pavilion, call Pansius at 530-707-6840 or visit the Pavilion’s intranet site.

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