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School of Medicine Forms Statewide Alliance with Veterans Administration Hospitals

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LAS VEGAS -- The University of Nevada School of Medicine has formed a statewide alliance with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to integrate and expand education and training programs for medical students and residents at the Las Vegas VA Outpatient Clinic and the Ioannis A. Lougaris VA Medical Center in Reno, a School of Medicine affiliated hospital since the medical school's inception.

Dr. Robert M. Daugherty, Jr., Dean of the School of Medicine, and Leonard C. Rogers, Director of the Las Vegas VA Outpatient Clinic, will formally sign the agreement of affiliation **tomorrow, May 13, at 9 a.m.** The signing will take place at the Las Vegas VA Outpatient Clinic, 1703 W. Charleston Blvd.

"This affiliation will give the School of Medicine a statewide perspective with the VA," said Dean Daugherty. "The VA clinic in Las Vegas gives us an ambulatory site an a place where students can learn outside of the hospital setting," Daugherty said.

By forming this alliance, the School of Medicine agrees to organize and nominate to VA facility Directors a Deans Committee comprised of Deans, senior faculty

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members from appropriate divisions of the medical school and other involved health professional schools which will cooperate in the affiliation. Dr. Daugherty will chair this committee.

The agreement will increase the number of School of Medicine faculty. Physicians currently practicing at the Las Vegas VA clinic will receive faculty appointments to the School of Medicine, Daugherty said. The School of Medicine and the VA Clinic will jointly recruit additional faculty to teach students and residents.

The affiliation will also increase the number of facilities -- private and federal -- the medical school will share its medical resources and depth of medical expertise with. The School of Medicine will also plans to affiliate with the federal hospital presently under construction near Nellis Air Force Base.

Since the return of troops from Europe at the end of the second World War, the VA system has encouraged affiliations between its hospitals and medical schools as a means of enhancing the quality of staff physicians and patient care throughout the federal system.

Dr. Daugherty and Mr. Rogers will be available for press interviews at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the agreement signing. For additional information, contact Lynette Hein at 383-2638.