The School of Medicine has been hindered in its quest to become a center of excellence for clinical care and research because of its fragmented clinical structure. In particular, our geographic separation on the HSC has hindered our effort to be an integrated health care delivery system. The FOB provides a novel opportunity for all the clinical departments in the SOM to establish a UofL health care delivery system, where excellence in clinical care and cross-referral to colleagues with specialty expertise can be provided in a modern, state of the art facility. It is a unique opportunity to establish and reinforce the academic milieu that has led to the innovation and advancement in the field of medicine found in the most prestigious medical centers in the US.

-Henry J Kaplan, MD
Chairman, Dept of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences

FEATURED PRACTICE: DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDICS

Tour guides and maps do not mark it. Local histories barely even mention it. And it’s not nearly as well known as the area’s horse racing and fried chicken. The ‘it’ is Louisville and Kentucky’s distinguished history of innovation in the field of orthopaedics. Some of the most famous orthopaedic surgeons in history, had ties to Kentucky or worked in Louisville. The University of Louisville played a significant role in this history, yet for many years the mission of its Department of Orthopaedics was limited mainly to trauma/fracture care. That began to change in the mid-1980s, when the goal was set to build a department flexible in all aspects of orthopaedic care, research, and training. For the past 20 years, the Department of Orthopaedics has worked to build a comprehensive program worthy of the community’s rich legacy in orthopaedics.

Today, the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Louisville School of Medicine is on the cutting edge of major advances in orthopaedics. Subspecialty interests include Joint Replacement, Spine surgery, Fracture treatment, sports injuries, hand surgery, tumor and pediatric orthopaedics. We offer, for example, minimally invasive anterior hip prostheses, single stage spinal fusion with state-of-the art instrumentation and bone morphogenic protein graft substitutes, allograft reconstruction for complex ligamentous instabilities of the knee and shoulder, all manner of microsurgical reconstruction of the hand, damage control orthopedic trauma techniques, limb-saving tumor surgery and complex reconstructions for childhood deformity.

The faculty of the U of L Orthopaedic Surgery Department enthusiastically joined the rest of the full time faculty in preparing for the construction of a new, centrally located signature faculty building. For more information, please visit our website http://louisville.edu/medschool/orthos/overview/index.html.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The exterior of the building continues to be defined by the masonry veneer as it nears completion along the East end of the building. The front entrance of the building is being showcases the building to the public at the corner of Chestnut and Preston now that the window framing is complete around the curved face, with sections of glazing filling in the openings. Within the building, crews are making excellent progress on the construction of the suites.

Progress on Suite construction ranges from steel studs being installed in some suites to the finish coat of drywall being installed, ready for paint in others. Landmark will be contacting Tenants for walk thru’s of their spaces to verify placement of outlets within their Suites. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stuart Armstrong at 414-277-0500.

LATEST NEWS

In light of the FPB opening in 5 short months, Gene Gilchrist & Elizabeth Walden are holding Tenant Transition Planning Meetings with each FPB tenant. Reps from UPA IS, ULH IT, Landmark, & ULH Telecommunication are included to bring expertise from a variety of areas to the table. Half of the practice groups have met thus far & the rest will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks. Many practice groups have moved forward with group purchasing by affiliating with ULH to take advantage of Premier pricing.

Great initiative! In the next month, Elizabeth will work with the practice groups on the logistics of moving into the FPB in regards to scheduling exact dates and times & coordinating moving companies.