The UCIMC campus has experienced substantial change since it was purchased by the University in 1976 through the construction of new facilities, modernization of existing buildings, site improvements and other efforts to enhance the campus. Many of these changes have made UCIMC a thoughtfully planned campus, yet recent and expected future growth of services has prompted the need to create an updated comprehensive plan for future development.

The Long Range Development Plan forecasts the need for approximately 1.9 million square feet of facility space, more than double the current amount on campus. Many of the existing facilities are seismically deficient and are beyond their useful lives. Consequently, the LRDP plans for more than 1.5 million square feet of new construction over the 20 year planning horizon.

The LRDP builds on sound planning concepts from previous studies and establishes new concepts that respond to modern healthcare delivery and the need for a campus that has the qualities of a premier academic medical center. Key goals include:

- Accommodate expected future growth
- Improve site organization
- Increase on-site parking
- Improve access and circulation
- Provide a flexible infrastructure
- Enhance the campus image with design elements that promote health and healing, unify the campus, and provide an academic environmental character.

To achieve these goals, capital improvement projects will be planned and implemented in conformance with planning guidelines set forth in this LRDP.