For patients, Candor offers faster answers and an emphasis on reducing recurrence. For physicians, Candor provides an avenue for open, honest communication and the possibility of fewer malpractice lawsuits. Candor’s provisions are designed to strengthen the physician-patient relationship and ultimately improve quality of care.

Iowa’s Candor law encourages patients and providers to discuss adverse health care incidents and possible solutions in a privileged, confidential conversation that is not admissible in court. The initiative for this conversation must come from the provider.

Following an adverse outcome, a provider has 180 days from when they knew or should have known about the incident to notify the patient, in writing, of the provider’s desire to have such a conversation.

The notice must inform the patient of their right to receive medical records and seek legal counsel, and let them know that information shared in the requested open discussion is inadmissible.

If the patient agrees to the discussion, all parties receive further notice of the privileged and confidential nature of the information to be shared.

During this privileged conversation, a provider can discuss the results of an investigation into the incident, and talk about the steps they and/or UI Hospitals and Clinics will take to prevent future occurrences. They may also discuss compensation–orally, if no compensation is warranted, or in writing if compensation is offered.

Candor laws have been enacted in Massachusetts (2012) and Oregon (2013). Though specifics of these laws may differ, the overarching goal is to allow physicians to be transparent and candid with patients with less fear of litigation.

Many questions remain on how Iowa’s Candor law will function in practice. The UI Health Care legal team is looking at all the details, and UI Physicians administration is following the situation closely. For more information, contact Nike Fleming at 319-356-2462 or nike-fleming@uiowa.edu.

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An "adverse health care incident" is an objective and definable outcome arising from or related to patient care that results in the serious physical injury or death of a patient.

Providers covered by the statute include: licensed physicians, physician’s assistants, ARNPs, and podiatrists.
UI Children’s Hospital NICU: Providing Extraordinary Care for Exceptional Babies

UI Children’s Hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) has been distinguished by national ranking, professional recognition, and most importantly, by outstanding outcomes.

The only nationally ranked neonatology program in Iowa is also home to a Level 4 NICU, the highest level recognized by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The survival rate of all babies cared for in the UI Children’s Hospital NICU is more than 95 percent, which ranks among the best of any NICU in the country. Survival rates for extremely premature babies—born at 23, 24 or 25 weeks—are significantly higher at UI Children’s Hospital NICU than at other U.S. hospitals (cumulative data 2006-2014):

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UI Children’s Hospital has the state’s largest NICU, accommodating up to 72 critically ill newborns in five patient-care bays with 72 monitored beds. The neonatology team includes 15 board-certified neonatologists, nurses, respiratory therapists, nutritionists, social workers, pharmacists, lab technicians, and physical therapists who are all trained in the specific needs of infants.

Since 1974, the NICU has cared for about 30,000 premature and sick babies, and currently averages about 800 infants each year.

University of Iowa researchers Matthew Rysavy, a senior medical student, and Edward Bell, MD, professor of pediatrics in the Stead Family Department of Pediatrics, recently published a study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that examined the cases of nearly 5,000 infants born before 27 weeks gestation at 24 academic hospitals participating in the Neonatal Research Network between 2006 and 2011. The study received media attention from multiple outlets.

Dr. Jeffrey Segar, Director of the Division of Neonatology, has an explanation for the NICU’s excellent reputation. “The outstanding outcomes for infants cared for in our NICU are due to the dedication, commitment and expectations of our hospital administration and hospital staff – including all those involved in the care of mothers and babies – that all infants admitted to our NICU should not just survive, but go on to lead healthy, enriching lives.”

UI neonatologists also care for infants in the NICUs at Genesis Hospital in the Quad Cities and Covenant Hospital in Waterloo.

Why UI Otolaryngology?

The Department of Otolaryngology is regularly ranked among the best in the country. This year, *U.S. News and World Report* placed UI Hospitals and Clinics in the nation’s top ten—#8, to be specific—for Ear, Nose, and Throat.

Our state-of-the-art facilities include 28 exam rooms, a surgical center, and audiology sound booths. A multidisciplinary team of audiologists, speech pathologists, Certified Otolaryngology Nurses (CORLN), 13 physicians and two academic faculty, offers comprehensive services, including otology/neurotology, head and neck oncology, laryngology, rhinology, facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, and pediatric otolaryngology.
Welcome New UI Physicians!

**YATISH SIDDAPURA RANGANATH, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesia
Specialties: Regional Anesthesia

**DANIEL BETTIS, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
Specialties: Glaucoma

**CARRIE BARKER, MD, PhD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
Specialties: Pediatric Pulmonology

**KIMBERLY BAKER-EL ABIAD, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Pulmonary Diseases

**JEYDITH GUTIERREZ PEREZ, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**ILONKA MOLANO, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Infectious Diseases

**MOHAMMAD TELFAH, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**ANKUR MISHRA, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**DHEERAJ REDDY, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**TAHUANTY PENA, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Pulmonary/Critical Care

**BRADLEY MANNING, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**ZACHARY SMITH, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**SUKRITI KAMBOJ, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**ABHISHEK MISHRA, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**MUHAMMAD NAWAZ, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**UBOOG FATIMA, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Specialties: Hospitalist

**SHUCHITA GARG, MD**
Associate in Anesthesia
Specialties: Pain Medicine

**MATTHEW MAXWELL, MD**
Associate in Anesthesia
Specialties: General Anesthesia

**NKANYEZI FERGUSON, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology
Specialties: Dermatology and MOHS

**ANTHONY FISCHER, MD, PhD**
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
Specialties: Pediatric Pulmonology

**JANET POLLARD, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology
Specialties: Nuclear Medicine

**IBRAHIM CETINDAG, MD**
Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery
Specialties: Adult Surgical Critical Care

**FABIANA POLICENI, MD**
Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology
Specialties: Breast Imaging/Biopsies

**PAUL LETENDRE, MD**
Associate in Internal Medicine
Specialties: Bone Marrow Transplant
New Ethnic Skin Care Clinic Treats Unique Conditions

Operating within the Dermatology Clinic in the Pomerantz Family Pavilion, the new Ethnic Skin Care Clinic offers specialized services for skin of color patients (defined as types IV-VI in the Fitzpatrick Skin Type Classification). The clinic addresses medical and cosmetic concerns unique to this demographic, including pigmentedary disorders (e.g., vitiligo, melasma), skin growths (e.g., dermatosis papulosa nigra), keloids and hair issues. Services include counseling, laser treatments, electrosurgery, phototherapy, and more. The clinic welcomes adults and children Wednesdays 1-5 p.m. and Thursdays 8:20 a.m. to 5 p.m. Procedures are performed on Fridays. For more information, contact Nkanyezi Ferguson, MD, at 356-2856 or nkanyezi-ferguson@uiowa.edu.

UI Sports Medicine Center features new Tendinopathy Clinic

Dr. Mederic Hall’s new Tendinopathy/Regenerative Medicine Clinic focuses on comprehensive evaluation and treatment recommendations for chronic tendinopathy of the rotator cuff (including calcific tendinopathy), elbow (tennis and golfer’s elbow), wrist, hip (gluteal and hamstring), knee (quadriiceps and patellar/jumper’s knee), Achilles and plantar fascia. Treatments include percutaneous ultrasonic tenotomy (Tenex), Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP), Shockwave (EPAT), and comprehensive rehabilitation plans with physical therapy. Select joint/cartilage disorders are evaluated for potential treatment with FRP or bone marrow aspirate injections (stem cells). The Tendinopathy/Regenerative Medicine Clinic is open Wednesday mornings at the UI Sports Medicine Center on Prairie Meadow Drive.

Number One in Iowa!

The annual U.S. News & World Report rankings are out, and UI Hospitals and Clinics has been ranked as the #1 hospital in Iowa, and rates among the nation’s best in the following specialties:

- Cancer #39
- Ear, Nose, and Throat #8
- Gynecology #29
- Neurology and Neurosurgery #33
- Ophthalmology #7
- Orthopedics #17
- Urology #40

For UI Children’s Hospital, nine specialties were nationally ranked:

- Cancer #47
- Cardiology and Heart Surgery #30
- Diabetes and Endocrinology #26
- Neonatology #23
- Nephrology #26
- Neurology and Neurosurgery #49
- Orthopaedics #45
- Pulmonology #49
- Urology #24

In its 2016 edition of Best Graduate Schools, U.S. News and World Report also ranked the UI Carver College of Medicine #29 in research and #16 in primary care. Physician Assistant Studies was ranked #2, and Rehabilitation Science #5.