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- Who are we?
- What do we do?
- What impact do we have on the region and the Commonwealth?
- What are the major issues confronting us?
- What help do we need?



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### Who are we?

**EVMS is a public institution.** EVMS is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia. EVMS operates under a charter from the state, and the state oversees all aspects of EVMS governance. The Commonwealth provides approximately 10 percent of EVMS' annual operating revenues. Virginia students have priority in EVMS admissions, and 65 percent of EVMS medical students are in-state students. As a public institution, EVMS is subject to Virginia's Freedom of Information Act.



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# Who are we? (continued)

**Acts of Assembly  
Chapter 87  
Approved March 4, 2002**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § § 1 through 19, as amended, of Chapter 471 of the Acts of Assembly of 1964 are amended and reenacted, and that such chapter is amended by adding sections numbered 8.2 and 8.3, and that § § 2.2-3106, 2.2-3705, 2.2-3711, 2.2-4343, 2.2-4345, 22.1-209.2, 23-14, 32.1-122.6, 32.1-279, and 54.1-2961 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 1. There is hereby created a public body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to be known as the “Eastern Virginia Medical School” hereinafter referred to as “the Medical School,” with such public and corporate powers as are hereinafter set forth. The Medical School may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall have the power and authority to contract and be contracted with and to exercise and discharge all the powers and duties imposed and conferred upon it, as hereinafter provided.



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### Who are we? (continued)

- 1100 Medical and Health Professions Students
- 350 Faculty (280 of whom are physicians)
- 1400 Employees
- Operating Budget of \$170 million (of which the Commonwealth provides \$17 million)
- Two clinical practice plans – EVMS Health Services and Children's Specialty Group
- Sponsored Research of \$40 million annually (280 funded research projects)



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### What do we do?

- Medical Education 440 students (65% are Virginians)
- Health Professions Education 350 students (50% are Virginians)
  - Physician Assistants
  - Surgical Assistants
  - Public Health
  - Clinical Psychology
  - Art Therapy
  - Biomedical Sciences
  - Clinical Embryology
  - Ophthalmic Technology



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# What do we do? (continued)

- Clinical Practice

  - EVMS Health Services

    - \$54 million in revenue

    - 275,000 patient encounters

    - 39,200 indigent patient encounters

  - Affiliated Practice Plan and Teaching Hospitals

    - Children's Specialty Group

    - Sentara HealthCare

    - Bon Secours

    - Veterans Administration Medical Center

    - Regional Naval Medical Center - Portsmouth

    - Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters



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# What do we do? (continued)

- Research Areas of Emphasis
  - Reproductive Medicine
  - Cancer
  - Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases
  - Cardiovascular Diseases
  - Infectious Diseases
  - Medical Modeling and Simulation
  - Geriatrics
  - Proteomics



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# What impact do we have on this region and the Commonwealth?

2007 Economic Impact Study

by

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# What impact do we have on this region and the Commonwealth? (continued)

- EVMS is a major employer in the region. With 1,386 full-time employees, EVMS is among the 25 largest non-federal employers in Hampton Roads.
- EVMS generates high-quality jobs. EVMS full-time employees earn an average of \$73,874, compared to the regional average of \$45,000.
- EVMS employees generate \$2.65 million in real-estate taxes and \$5.24 million in sales taxes, for a total of \$7.89 million in annual local tax payments.
- EVMS students and residents (physicians in training) spend \$23.81 million locally, not including tuition costs.



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# What impact do we have on this region and the Commonwealth? (continued)

- EVMS Health Services provides \$40.5 million in uncollected medical and surgical care. The cost of this uncompensated care would be passed on to area hospitals or other agencies if EVMS did not exist.
- It would cost local families \$66.6 million annually to travel outside the region for medical care currently provided by EVMS Health Services.
- EVMS generates approximately \$40 million in external research funding each year, a substantial source of outside revenue.
- One in four physicians in the region has a tie to EVMS.



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# What impact do we have on this region and the Commonwealth? (continued)

*“The presence of EVMS attracts highly qualified medical personnel who provide a menu of high quality medical care that otherwise would be beyond our grasp, Koch wrote.*

*EVMS helps local hospitals attract and retain critical personnel; provides access to cutting-edge medical treatments; provides vital critical-care services, such as trauma surgery and maternal-fetal medicine; provides gratis public health services that improve community health; and plays a key role in providing access to care for people without the means to pay.”*

*It is possible to express EVMS’ economic imprint on Hampton Roads as a number (about \$711 million annually),” Koch says in the report. “While this is an impressively large number, it does not begin to capture the tremendous contribution the medical school makes to the welfare of the region. Our quality of life (and sometimes our actual lives) depends upon the good works of EVMS.”*



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### What are the major issues confronting us?

- Silver Tsunami
- Expanding the Medical and Health Profession Workforce
- Increasing Operational Support (\$3.3 billion/\$330million)
- Capital Support (\$166 million, \$1 million)



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### What help do we need?

- Operational Budget
  - Base Adequacy
  - Indigent Care
  - Research
- Capital Support
  - MERIT Project

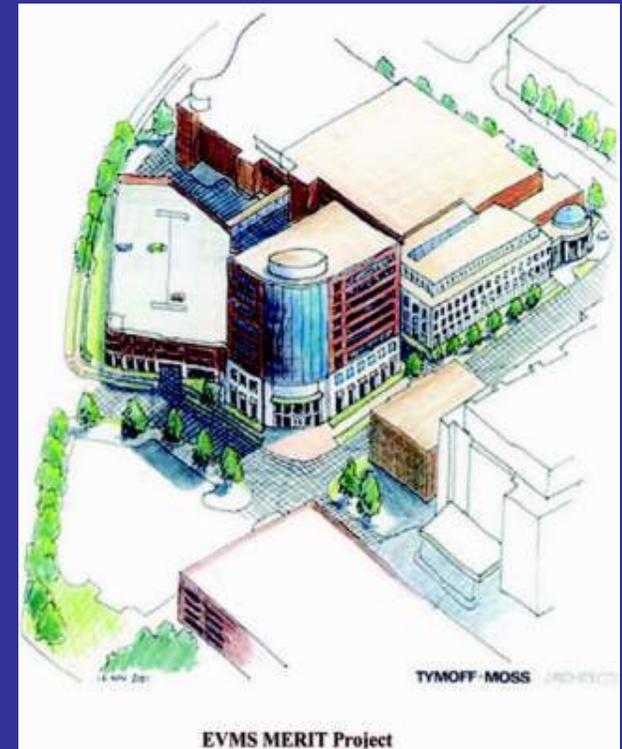


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### What help do we need? (continued)

**The MERIT Project:** From 1964 to 2005, EVMS invested \$148 million in developing its academic facilities as an integrated component of the Eastern Virginia Medical Center. However, most of EVMS' campus buildings are now more than 30 years old and have not undergone substantial renovations since they were built. Consequently, in 2006, EVMS committed to fund over \$18 million in renovations, primarily to upgrade the facilities related to its patient care programs, which represent the largest physician practice in eastern Virginia. Of the existing \$166 million investment in the EVMS campus, the Commonwealth has contributed \$1 million.





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### What help do we need? (continued)

The MERIT Project will substantially expand and improve the space available for EVMS' education and research programs through three components. **First**, the MERIT project involves construction of a new, 92,000 square foot building adjacent to Lewis Hall that will provide state-of-the-art educational and translational research space. **Second**, the MERIT Project involves extensive renovation of 153,000 square feet in Lewis Hall, EVMS' aging main educational facility. The new building and renovations will provide the required instructional space needed to accommodate the planned growth in EVMS' medical and health professions programs. It will also provide more effective research space for its proteomics and translational research programs, particularly in diabetes, obesity, metabolic diseases, cancer, and cardiovascular diseases. **Third**, a 150-space parking facility will be built to replace parking lost to the construction of the new building.