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After a nationwide search, Dean Carmen A. Puliafito has appointed Michael E. Selsted as Chair of the Department of Pathology at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California.

"Dr. Selsted has a deep understanding of the changing face of medical science and the role of pathology in understanding this new landscape," Puliafito said. "As chair of the Department of Pathology, Dr. Selsted will lead the department into a new academic medical center environment." Selsted, who begins his duties May 1, is currently professor and chair of the department of pathology at the University of California, Irvine. He has been at UC Irvine since 1989.

Dean welcomes alumni, friends to new Los Angeles County + USC replacement hospital

The Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center celebrated the grand opening of its new facility on Oct. 5.

"This is state-of-the-art," said second-year resident Catherine Lin, M.D. "I have a private practice in Fullerton, but I'd rather practice here. This hospital is superior in design and efficient. I'm proud of USC and what they have done here," she said.

"I feel very privileged to provide care at LAC+USC," said Dr. Kari Pogribna, an internist in the hospital's infectious diseases division. "This is a place I would love to be." The new hospital is intended to care for a half-million Angelenos, whatever their means. Calling the new public hospital "dramatically different" from its predecessor, Puliafito said the new facility will create a "health system that is superior in access and affordability. It is proud of USC and what they have done here." In his remarks, Puliafito also thanked the donors who have contributed to the hospital's $1.1 billion capital campaign, including the late Henrietta C. Lee.

"Everywhere I go, when I tell people that I have something to do with the USC medical school, the discussion always comes to the Keck School," Puliafito said. "I remind the assembled audience that the Keck School of Medicine and the medical center dating back to 1885. He pointed out that USC has been a leader in the state in education and health care, and that the Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center is an "upper middle-class community." No community in the United States has made this level of commitment to its people," he said.

Another $20 million for USC Norris

In 1997, Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center broke ground for the new hospital to replace the old Los Angeles County General Hospital. The new hospital includes more than 3,000 beds and 500,000 square feet of space. It opened nearly 15 years after the 1994 Northridge earthquake rocked South-
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USC became the first of 12 institutions invited by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) to break ground Thursday on a campus facility dedicated entirely to stem cell research.

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place Sept. 3 on USC Health Sciences Campus. The event brought together local and state officials among 150 invited guests.

The $90 million Eli and Edythe Broad CIRM Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at USC is the product of an innovative public-private partnership between state-funded CIRM, the Keck School of Medicine of USC and the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, a Los Angeles-based national philanthropy focused on advancing entrepreneurship for the public good in education, science and the arts.

"We have the best scientists and researchers right here at USC. And researchers and their colleagues to convert exciting fundamental discoveries into new therapies," Pera said. "This new building will enable USC researchers working in basic and clinical research to continue collaborative efforts to advance the science of regenerative medicine." Medicaid, a patient-centered health care system.

The five-story Broad CIRM Center will house basic and clinical researchers working collaboratively, on-site cell research in biotechnology and discovery, human stem cell research, preclinical research and preclinical development, and translational research.

The new $800-square-foot first floor facility will be open to all 1,800 classrooms and 1,200 seminar rooms throughout the Keck School. The facility will be a vital addition to our campus, creating the space and infrastructure that we need to advance our research," Puliafito said.

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Eli Broad, founder of the Broad Foundation, said, “What we need is a new building that will allow USCs researchers working on the Health Sciences Campus and at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles to continue their outstanding work in stem cell research.” The new 80,000-square-foot facility will become an integral part of a “research triangle” on USC’s Health Sciences Campus, working with the Zilkha Neurogenetic Institute and the Harlyne J. Norris Cancer Research Tower.

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Dean Carmen A. Puliafito of the Keck School of Medicine called the groundbreaking “very important step” in a ceremony to the USC campus. “It is the time to facilitate the foundation of stem cell research,” Puliafito said. “This new Broad CIRM Center will bring brain and basic researchers working collaboratively on stem cell research and discovery into one facility. Progress will be driven by basic and clinical research.”

Puliafito described the presentations as indicative of the faculty’s enthusiasm for technology. "The Clinical Strategic Planning Retreat is a testament to re-envisioning the practice of medicine at the Keck School of Medicine,” said Puliafito. "We are proud to honor Eli and Edythe Broad for their vision and commitment to improving health care through advances in scientific discovery. This new building will allow USCs researchers working on the Health Sciences Campus and at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles to continue their outstanding work in stem cell research.”

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Puliafito thanked the many physicians, researchers, nurses and staff who have made this opening possible to include the late Harold “Bob” Lee, who donated $100 million to the school in 1997 to establish the USC Norris Cancer Hospital.

“In 1997, Los Angeles County and University of Southern California officials opened a new public hospital, LAC+USC, to provide care for the poor and underserved residents of Los Angeles County,” said Puliafito. “Now, after nearly 15 years after the 1994 Northridge earthquake, we see that investment pay off.

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California. The project cost $1.02 billion for construction and equipment.

“Everywhere I go, when I tell people that I have something to offer, they say, ‘What? Is it a hospital?’” said Puliafito. “This is a hospital, and it is in the region where any serious academic would want to be.

“Today, we will begin to offer care to millions of people who have never had access to medical care before,” he added.


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“All along, we were clear that this would be more than a hospital,” said Puliafito. “This is University Medicine. This is not just a hospital, but a hospital that is part of an academic health center. It is part of a university that will have a tremendous impact on the health of Southern California.”

Puliafito thanked U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-San Pedro, for his support of the project.

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Second-year Keck medical student Elliott Birnstein exclaimed: “This is amazing. This is something to see at this time of the world.”

The new facility, a $1.02 billion investment in the health of Southern Californians, is the latest in a series of projects that Puliafito has implemented in his first year as dean.

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New chair named for pathology department

After a nationwide search, Dean Carmen A. Puliafito has appointed Michael E. Selsted as Chair of the Department of Pathology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. His appointment is effective Feb. 1, 2009.

Selsted comes to USC from the University of California, Irvine, where he is professor and chair of the department and holds the Warren L. Bostick Endowed Chair in Pathology. “Dr. Selsted’s dedication to teaching, research and administration has been outstanding here at UCI,” said Puliafito.

Selsted has a strong background in identifying new treatment options for cancer patients, a quality that will be especially important as the Keck School of Medicine continues its transformation into a new academic medical center environment,” Puliafito said.

Dr. Selsted’s commitment to entrepreneurship and excellence will be a catalyst for the advancement of our Department of Pathology, particularly during this time of transformation into a new academic medical center environment,” Puliafito said.

Selsted has a long and distinguished career in the field of pathology. Elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1992, Selsted is widely recognized as a national leader in the field of atypical cellular growth and has been a key leader in the development of biomarker research at the Keck School of Medicine of USC.

Selsted’s research has focused on identifying new treatment options for cancer patients, including the development of biomarkers which are proteins produced by the body that provide a fast, low-cost way to assess whether patients are responding to medications. He has published more than 500 scientific articles and holds 16 pending or issued patents. Selsted is an active member of the National Cancer Institute’s biomarker panels in breast and prostate cancer.

Dr. Selsted has been a professor of pathology at UCI since 1989. Born in San Francisco, he received his M.D. from Stanford University School of Medicine and completed his pathology training at the University of California, San Francisco.

Selsted’s program at UCI included the development of new research methods and training in the fields of cell biology, molecular biology, and immunology.

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