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RE: Ph. D. Proposal in Epidemiology

Dear Dr. Gerhardt:

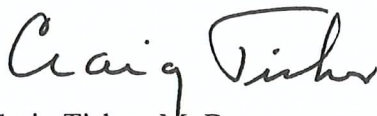
Enclosed please find the proposal for a new Ph. D. program in Epidemiology. As you will note, this program represents a partnership between the Colleges of Public Health and Health Professions and Medicine. Epidemiology represents one of the five core areas of public health and is important to PHHP's accreditation as a College of Public Health, which requires three doctoral programs in public health areas.

The Ph. D. in Epidemiology is also important to the College of Medicine, particularly within the context of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) initiative. As part of the CTSA, innovative doctoral programs to promote clinical and translational research in health care and community settings are essential. The Ph. D. in Epidemiology, in general, and the concentration in Clinical Epidemiology, in particular, provides an important multidisciplinary educational component for the CTSA initiative.

We believe the program as designed capitalizes on the collective strengths of the two colleges and offers students the opportunity to be taught by diverse specialists.

We request your review and approval for the Ph. D. in Epidemiology at this time. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



C. Craig Tisher, M. D.  
Dean, College of Medicine



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the establishment of the PhD program in epidemiology offered by the Colleges of Public Health and Health Professions and Medicine. The epidemiology program provides a collaborative opportunity for multiple Health Science Center colleges, including the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Richard Segal, chair of the Department of Pharmacy Health Care Administration, which houses several pharmacy faculty with epidemiologic expertise, has met with members of the PhD epidemiology planning committee to discuss potential opportunities for pharmacy faculty in the proposed program. As a result of these conversations, several faculty in the Department of Pharmacy Health Care Administration will participate in the new PhD program, contributing expertise in pharmacoepidemiology and serving as student mentors. In addition, our professional students as well as our graduate students will be able to take advantage of specific epidemiology courses offered in the PhD program. Therefore, we anticipate a productive partnership and look forward to the implementation of the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'William H. Riffe'.

William H. Riffe, Ph.D.  
Dean

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January 31, 2007

University of Florida  
College of Public Health and Health Professions  
Dr. Robert G. Frank, Professor and Dean  
Box 100185  
Gainesville, FL. 32610

Dear Dr. Frank:

As the Dean of the College of Dentistry, I am fully supportive of the establishment of the PhD program in epidemiology. Our college has a longstanding interest in addressing the oral health needs of the citizens of Florida and contributing constructively to the local, national, and international research agenda related to dental public health. Understanding epidemiological trends related to oral disease distribution and associated risk factors are critical components of dental public health.

The PhD in Epidemiology is a welcome addition to the Health Science Center's efforts to address priority health concerns, including dental care. We currently offer elective epidemiology coursework in the epidemiology concentration in the Master of Public Health Program offered by the College of Public Health and Health Professions (PHHP), and we look forward to expanding this collaboration with both PHHP and the College of Medicine (COM) as the epidemiology program is implemented. As chair of the Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Scott Tomar will lead our college's epidemiology collaboration with PHHP and COM, and he has also provided a letter of support.

We look forward to the opportunities presented by the PhD program and are pleased to be part of this important addition to the campus.

Sincerely,



Teresa A. Dolan, DDS, MPH  
Professor and Dean

## Memo

To: Robert G. Frank, Ph.D., Dean and Professor, College of Public Health and Health Professions  
C. Craig Tisher, M.D., Dean and Professor, College of Medicine

From: Richard Segal, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Pharmacy Health Care Administration

cc.: William Riffie, Ph.D., Dean, College of Pharmacy

Date: 1/11/2007

Re: Ph.D. in Epidemiology



I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Ph.D. in Epidemiology offered by the Colleges of Public Health and Health Professions and Medicine. We already have a strong academic collaboration with PHHP through our partnership in the Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health joint degree program, and we look forward to expanding this collaboration with the implementation of the epidemiology doctoral program. We anticipate our involvement in this new program will include offering elective coursework, serving on supervisory committees, and providing research mentorship, particularly in the areas of health outcomes research related to pharmacoepidemiology and the impact of pharmacotherapy and other drug use on morbidity and quality of life issues as these relate to public health. We fully support the proposal for a new doctoral program in epidemiology and look forward to its implementation.

Robert G. Frank, Ph.D.

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Thank you for your efforts to enhance the capacity of the University of Florida in public health scholarship, service, and education. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at 352-273-5968 or [stomar@dental.ufl.edu](mailto:stomar@dental.ufl.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. L. Tomar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "S." and last name "Tomar" clearly visible.

Scott L. Tomar, D.M.D., Dr.P.H

Professor and Chair

Cc: Teresa A. Dolan, D.D.S., M.P.H., Dean, College of Dentistry