

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: The University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers (UMHHC)
University Hospital (UH) ICU Swivette Unit Replacement

Action
Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

There are fifty-eight combination water closet/sink devices presently located in the intensive care units of University Hospital located on levels four through seven. These units, called "swivette," were installed in 1986 as part of the replacement hospital project.

The term swivette derives from the "swing-out" action of the water closet from a fixed cabinet into the patient area. This design subjects components of the unit to high use, requiring regular maintenance. The existing units do not meet current hospital needs.

The flushing mechanisms of the water closets fail periodically and, due to the age of the installation, replacement parts are no longer manufactured. The parts that are obtained must be redesigned by maintenance staff to make the equipment functional.

This project proposes replacement of the existing units with a different design that includes a fixed wall-mounted water closet and surrounding cabinet. The new design should reduce the maintenance requirement and assure the ongoing availability of this patient necessity.

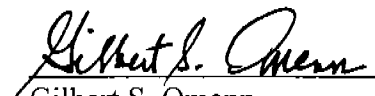
The estimated project cost for the UH ICU Swivette Replacement project is \$814,000. The project is on the approved capital budget for 2000-01 and will be funded from Hospitals and Health Centers' capital fund.

We recommend the Regents approve the UH ICU Swivette Replacement project as described and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding a construction contract providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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