


April 29, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for The Chase-Bear-Dyer Advanced Triage Unit at John Dempsey Hospital

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the UConn Health Emergency Department's Advanced Triage Unit located within the clinical space on the UConn Health Campus in Farmington as "The Chase-Bear-Dyer Advanced Triage Unit."

BACKGROUND:

UConn Health is renovating a portion of its existing emergency department waiting and administrative area to create the Advanced Triage Unit: seven specialized evaluation bays designed for "vertical" patients – those who can be safely assessed in chairs or recliners. This initiative will enhance surge capacity when patient volumes are high; improve flow and efficiency; and improve patient experience.

Ms. Cheryl Chase is a well-known and highly respected businesswoman and graduate of the UConn School of Law, Class of 1978. She is a principal, co-president and general counsel of Chase Enterprises, based in Hartford. She is vice-chair of the Board of Directors at UConn Health and chairs the Clinical Affairs Subcommittee. She is a former trustee of the UConn School of Law Foundation and a former member of the Law School Advisory Council. The Honorable Stuart Bear practiced law for many years in New Haven before joining the Connecticut bench as a Superior Court judge. He was later appointed to the Connecticut Appellate Court, from which he retired and continued to serve as a Judge Trial Referee. Ms. Chase's daughter, Mrs. Dara Chase Dyer, is a graduate of the UConn School of Law School, Class of 2010. The Chase family has a longstanding history of philanthropic support for the University of Connecticut, with contributions focusing on the School of Law and UConn Health.

The Chase family has pledged a gift amount consistent with the amount recommended under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

On April 22, 2026, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.