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**ACGME picks 17 internal medicine residency programs for
Educational Innovations Project**

CHICAGO, March 10, 2006 – Seventeen internal medicine residency programs that have proven their excellence have been chosen for a pilot project that will allow them to have longer accreditation cycles and more flexible program requirements.

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's Residency Review Committee for Internal Medicine – which reviews internal medicine residency programs – chose the programs for its Educational Innovations Project (EIP) from among internal medicine programs with strong track records in accreditation reviews and with proposals for innovative ways to improve both patient care and resident education. In their applications, the programs had to submit their proposed curriculum and educational methods for their projects. The programs also had to describe how they plan to evaluate residents on the ACGME's six general competencies that all residents are required to master before graduating. The competencies are patient

care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning and improvement, professionalism, interpersonal skills and communication, and systems-based practice.

“The EIP represents a bold new initiative in residency accreditation. The RRC for Internal Medicine is convinced that quality education and quality patient care are inextricably linked,” said Henry J. Schultz MD, chair of the ACGME’s RRC for Internal Medicine. “Programs that model both are in the best position to advance medical education and evaluation, but they need room to innovate. EIP Program Requirements have been truncated 40%, and cycle length increased to 10 years for these programs. We owe a debt of gratitude to Roger Bush and the other members of the EIP Committee for their tireless work in this endeavor.”

“Seventeen programs were selected in the first round representing all varieties of teaching hospitals – university, community, municipal, and multispecialty,” Dr. Schultz continued. “We will be inviting other programs to submit proposals again this year. EIP programs are charged to experiment and innovate with the traditional methods of resident education and evaluation, and to help the graduate medical education community reinvent itself. We are excited about the partnership of the EIP programs with the ACGME, and the impact of these innovative programs on medical education and accreditation.”

Internal medicine residency programs at the following institutions have been accepted into the ACGME’s Educational Innovations Project, effective July 1, 2006.

Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center
Phoenix, Ariz.
Alan Leibowitz, MD, program director

Scripps Mercy Hospital
San Diego, Calif.
Stanley Amundson, MD, program director

Southern Illinois University

Springfield, Ill.
Andrew Varney, MD, program director

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Boston, Mass.
Eileen Reynolds, MD, program director

Baystate Medical Center
Tufts University School of Medicine
Springfield, Mass.
Kevin Hinchey, MD, program director

Henry Ford Hospital
Detroit, Mich.
Eric Scher, MD, program director

Hennepin County Medical Center
Minneapolis, Minn.
Anne Pereira, MD, program director

Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education (Rochester)
Rochester, Minn.
Joseph Kolars, MD, program director

North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
at Long Island Jewish Medical Center
Great Neck, N.Y.
Harry Steinberg, MD, program director

New York Medical College at Westchester Medical Center
Valhalla, N.Y.
Stephen Peterson, MD, program director

Duke University Hospital
Durham, N.C.
Diana McNeill, MD, program director

Summa Health System
Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine
Akron, Ohio
David Sweet, MD, program director

University Hospital
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Cincinnati, Ohio
Gregory Rouan, MD, program director

Ohio State University Hospital
Columbus, Ohio
Catherine Lucey, MD, program director

Abington Memorial Hospital
Abington, Pa.
David Smith, MD, program director

University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.
Bennett Vogelman, MD, program director

Aurora Health Care
Milwaukee, Wis.
Mark Gennis, MD, program director

For more information on the EIP, visit the ACGME Web site at

http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/RRC_140/140_EIPindex.asp, or contact Debra

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