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**ACGME Announces Funding Recipients for Resident-led *Back to Bedside* Initiative**  
*30 Proposals Selected to Enhance Resident-Patient Connection, Foster Joy and Meaning in Work*

CHICAGO, IL (October 26, 2017)—The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) today announced the selection of funding recipients for *Back to Bedside*, a resident-led initiative to empower medical residents and fellows to create innovative strategies for increasing time with patients, improving physician and patient well-being.

The ACGME selected 30 proposals from 223 submissions, [up from the original number of five proposals announced in May](#). Institutions will receive a total of \$130,000 at different funding levels, renewable for up to two years. Visit [www.acgme.org/backtobedside](http://www.acgme.org/backtobedside) for the list of *Back to Bedside* recipients, projects, and resident and fellow team leaders.

“We are inspired by the response from the graduate medical education community, demonstrating their passion and commitment to providing exceptional patient care,” said ACGME Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP. “The number of submissions for *Back to Bedside* far exceeded our expectations and, as a result, we expanded the funding to include 25 additional projects.”

The ACGME Council of Review Committee Residents (CRCR), a group of approximately 30 resident and fellow members of the ACGME Review Committees and Board, advise the ACGME about graduate medical education from the resident perspective. The group developed *Back to Bedside* to combat burnout by fostering meaning in the learning environment through engaging on a deeper level with what is at the heart of medicine: their patients.

“We are thrilled with the engagement from residents and fellows around *Back to Bedside*,” said Dink Jardine, MD, former chair of the CRCR and former resident director on the ACGME Board of Directors. “Our hope is to cultivate a community of practice around physician and patient well-being by sharing strategies, resources, and processes developed through this initiative.”

The selected projects encompass a diverse range of specialties, geographic locations, institution sizes, and approaches. Each includes direct patient interaction, as well as patient satisfaction and outcome measures. Projects will aim to improve the clinical learning environment and promote behaviors that advance physicians’ and patients’ well-being by focusing on spending meaningful time with patients.

Recipients came together for the first time at the ACGME offices in Chicago on October 26 to kick off their work. Institutions will receive initial funding in January 2018. [Read the May 2017 press release](#).

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*The ACGME is a private, not-for-profit, professional organization responsible for the accreditation of approximately 10,700 residency and fellowship programs and the approximately 800 institutions that sponsor these programs in the United States. Residency and fellowship programs educate approximately 130,000 resident and fellow physicians in 154 specialties and subspecialties. The ACGME's mission is to improve health care and population health by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through accreditation.*