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ACGME's Pursuing Excellence in Clinical Learning Environments Initiative Attracts Innovative Proposals

Institutions Across the Nation Submit Ideas for Transformation in the Clinical Learning Environment

CHICAGO, Ill (June 1, 2016)— In response to the *Pursuing Excellence in Clinical Learning Environments* initiative, led by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), 47 ACGME-accredited Sponsoring Institutions submitted proposals to help drive improvements within their clinical learning environments, where residents and fellows pursue training in their specialties or subspecialties. The applicants range from academic medical centers to community hospitals across the United States.

"The response and diversity of the proposals we received is a testament to the commitment and desire within the medical community to innovate and create transformational change that benefits both patients and clinicians," said Kevin B. Weiss, MD, MPH.

A selection committee comprised of representatives from 21 partnering organizations in health care and education, will review the proposals and the ACGME will schedule site visits at up to 12 finalist institutions in June. In July, up to eight Sponsoring Institutions will be selected to participate in the first phase of *Pursuing Excellence—the Pathway Innovators*—with a kick-off in the fall.

To support the innovations, the ACGME will provide funding of up to \$75,000 per year over four years to the selected institutions, with the expectation that each will provide a 1:1 match of those funds.

The initiative stems from the ACGME's larger **Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) Program**, which just released its first National Report of Findings with data collected from nearly 300 site visits at ACGME-accredited Sponsoring Institutions.

Additional information about *Pursuing Excellence* is available at <http://www.acgme.org/pursuingexcellence>.

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