ACGME Announces Institutions Selected for Pursuing Excellence in Clinical Learning Environments Initiative

Eight Institutions Become Part of Four-Year Journey of Innovation and Shared Learning

CHICAGO, IL (July 13, 2016)— The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is pleased to announce the eight institutions selected to participate in Pursuing Excellence in Clinical Learning Environments, announced earlier this year. The four-year initiative is aimed at driving improvements within clinical learning environments, where residents and fellows pursue training in their specialties or subspecialties.

The proposals demonstrated the remarkable capacity of the GME community to do great work. After an extensive review process by the selection committee comprised of numerous representatives from 21 partnering organizations in health care and education, including a series of site visits to the semi-finalists, the following ACGME-accredited institutions were invited to participate in the first phase of Pursuing Excellence.

- Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, DC
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
- Maine Medical Center, Portland, ME
- Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA
- Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
- The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School, Austin, TX
- University of California (San Francisco) School of Medicine, San Francisco, CA
- University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, IL

“We were thrilled at the number and quality of proposals we received for this very exciting initiative to innovate and share learnings across the graduate medical education community,” said Kevin B. Weiss, MD, MPH. “The ACGME and its partners look forward to collaborating with these institutions as they drive change that impacts learners, practitioners and professionals across the clinical learning environment.”

The institutions will come together for the first Innovators Forum taking place September 19-21, 2016 at the ACGME office in Chicago. There, they will share information about their proposals, which include ideas for improvements in areas such as patient safety, health care quality, and interprofessional learning.
The ACGME will provide funding of up to $75,000 per year over four years to each institution, with the expectation that each will provide a 1:1 match of those funds.

*Pursuing Excellence* grew out of the ACGME’s [Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) Program](#), which provides feedback to the nation’s teaching hospitals, medical centers, health systems and other clinical settings in the areas of patient safety; health care quality; care transitions; supervision; duty hours and fatigue management and mitigation; and professionalism.

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