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MMC Launches Residency Program in Preventive Medicine

HRSA grants close to \$1 million for program

PORTLAND, Maine — Maine Medical Center has received a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) supporting up to \$950,000 over the next three years to launch a new residency program in Preventive Medicine. The program also has received initial accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

The Preventive Medicine program will provide education for two residents in each class for a two-year program designed to provide experiences in public health and leadership. Most residents will enter the program after completion of a residency in “primary” specialty, though it is open to attending physicians who want to change career direction. The participants will earn an MPH degree and board certification in Preventive Medicine. Graduates of the program will be well-positioned to lead in achievement of the Triple Aim – improving the experience of care, reducing cost and improving population health.

“Support of this program by Maine Medical Center is an example of how we are working toward our vision of making Maine the healthiest state in the nation, and of our focus on education to serve societal needs,” said Christina Holt, M.D., Preventive Medicine Residency Program Director.

Each year MMC welcomes 250 residents and fellows into 12 residencies and eight fellowships approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

“The health of Maine’s population relies on the presence of a vibrant health system, comprised of dedicated health professionals, serving all of the citizens of our state,” said Peter Bates, M.D., MMC Senior V.P. of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer. “While Maine can always attract physicians and other health professionals because of our quality of life and the opportunities our health system offers, the most sustainable path to addressing this need is to grow our own.”

MMC Residencies are also offered in Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine-Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Psychiatry, Radiology, Urology, Vascular Surgery, and the Advanced Education program in General Dentistry, in collaboration with Tufts School of Dental Medicine.

Fellowship programs are offered at MMC in Cardiology, Child Psychiatry, Geriatrics, Infectious Disease, Integrative Family Medicine, Nephrology, Pulmonary and Critical Care, and Sports Medicine.

MMC’s residency program is supported by more than 500 highly qualified attending physicians who serve as faculty. Clinical practice is supported by an excellent nursing and allied health professional staff and a highly skilled ancillary staff. The clinical experience is complemented by basic science seminars, daily teaching rounds, and a large number of clinical conferences in all specialties and subspecialties.

About Maine Medical Center

Maine Medical Center (MMC), recognized as the number-one ranked hospital in Maine by *U.S. News and World Report for 2015-2016*, is a complete health care resource for the people of Greater Portland and the entire state, as well as northern New England. Incorporated in 1864, MMC is the state’s largest medical center, licensed for 637 beds and employing nearly 6,500 people. MMC's unique role as both a community hospital and a referral center requires an unparalleled depth and breadth of services, including an active educational program and a world-class biomedical research center. As a nonprofit institution, Maine Medical Center provides nearly 23 percent of all the charity care delivered in Maine. MMC is a member of the MaineHealth system, a growing family of health care services in northern New England. For more information, visit www.mmc.org.

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