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OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ABMS MULTI-SPECIALTY PORTFOLIO APPROVAL PROGRAM

**Oregon Physicians to Obtain Maintenance of Certification Credit for Participation in
Statewide Quality Initiatives to Improve Children's Health;
Additional Specialty Initiatives to Follow**

CHICAGO – February 8, 2016 – The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) has announced that the [Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership \(OPIP\)](#), based out of the Department of Pediatrics at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Doernbecher Children's Hospital, has joined the ABMS Multi-Specialty Portfolio Approval Program™ (Portfolio Program). OPIP and OHSU physicians who are Board Certified by one of 20 of the 24 ABMS Member Boards participating in the Portfolio Program and are engaged in eligible OPIP-led activities can now obtain maintenance of certification (MOC) credit.

To date, OPIP has led quality improvement (QI) initiatives that have positively impacted more than 151,000 children across Oregon. "We are proud to participate in this ABMS program as it confirms our commitment to the importance of quality improvement in ways that serve both physicians and patients," said George Mejicano, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Education in the OHSU School of Medicine.

"Offering rigorous, practice relevant MOC programming is a key tenet of ABMS and its 24 Member Boards," said Lois Margaret Nora, MD, JD, MBA, ABMS President and Chief Executive Officer. "OPIP and OHSU's participation in our Portfolio Program is another example of its ability to help encourage physician engagement in QI initiatives in a variety of practice settings, and in a manner that meets their needs as well as those of their patients."

OPIP QI initiatives engage healthcare providers from the OHSU system, along with health systems and primary care providers across the state. Participants in current eligible activities will become immediately eligible for MOC credit in the Portfolio Program. As new activities are developed, future participants will be eligible as well.

"A key component of OPIP's mission is to create synergy across the public and private sector so that sustainable improvements can be made to the care provided to children. OPIP's ability to provide MOC

credit to participating physicians is a critical component to meaningful engagement on these practice transformation efforts,” said Colleen Reuland, M.S., director, OPIP. “We are looking forward to expanding opportunities for OHSU faculty physicians and community physicians across the state of Oregon on improvement efforts.”

Over the next two years OHSU plans to phase in a gradual expansion to include other specialties at OHSU in the Portfolio Program. As the program expands, OHSU faculty physicians and community physicians across multiple specialties will be able to obtain MOC credit for meaningful participation in QI activities.

“The Portfolio Program was designed to foster participation and recognize meaningful physician engagement in QI efforts with MOC credit,” explained David W. Price, MD, FAAFP, FACEHP, Executive Director of the Portfolio Program. “The ability to offer credits through a continuum of 20 participating Member Boards, makes it possible for Board Certified physicians participating in OPIP programs to receive MOC credit across specialty and sub-specialty practice areas, and in a host of practice settings. In addition, the impact of their participation is magnified beyond their own personal patient base due to OPIP’s active sharing of successful initiatives and best practices throughout its network.”

To date, the Portfolio Program has helped engage more than 8,000 physicians in practice improvement initiatives at hospitals and health systems across the country, many showing improvement in care outcomes, and has recognized their participation with MOC-eligible credit. Since its inception, more than 1,300 QI efforts have been completed by Portfolio Program participants. For more information about participation in the Portfolio Program, visit the program website at <http://mocportfolioprogram.org/become-a-portfolio-sponsor/>.

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Established in 1933, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) continues to be the leading not-for-profit organization overseeing physician certification in the United States. ABMS establishes the standards its 24 Member Boards use to develop and implement educational and professional evaluation, assessment, and certification of physician specialists. More than 840,000 physicians are certified in one or more of the 150 specialties and subspecialties offered by the [ABMS Member Boards](#). For more information about ABMS, visit www.abms.org or call (312) 436-2600.

About Oregon Health & Science University

[Oregon Health & Science University](#) is a nationally prominent research university and Oregon’s only public academic health center. It serves patients throughout the region with a Level I trauma center and nationally recognized Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. OHSU operates dental, medical, nursing and pharmacy schools that rank high both in research funding and in meeting the university’s social mission. OHSU’s Knight Cancer Institute helped pioneer personalized medicine through a discovery that identified how to shut down cells that enable cancer to grow without harming healthy ones. OHSU Brain Institute scientists are nationally recognized for discoveries that have led to a better understanding of Alzheimer’s disease and new treatments for Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis and stroke. OHSU’s Casey Eye Institute is a global leader in ophthalmic imaging, and in clinical trials related to eye disease.