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UMDNJ-Center for Continuing and Outreach Education (CCOE) Receives Six Year ACCME Accreditation with Commendation

Newark, NJ, March 22, 2010 - UMDNJ-Center for Continuing and Outreach Education (CCOE) has been resurveyed by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and awarded accreditation for 6 years as a provider of continuing medical education for physicians.

The ACCME standard term for reaccreditation is four years for the majority of applicants. Accreditation with Commendation for six years is reserved for CME providers demonstrating compliance in all 22 levels of educational and programming criteria monitored by the ACCME. The Accreditation with Commendation status recognizes CCOE's commitment to continually go beyond the confines of the classroom in order to make a genuine impact on physician practice and ultimately health care in the surrounding communities, the state of New Jersey and nationwide. This criterion is met by approximately 10 percent of the provider applicants surveyed.

Earning this status comes after an extensive review of CCOE's organizational self-study report, evidence of performance-in-practice, and an accreditation interview. This also marks the first time in over 30 years of operation that such a distinction has been awarded to CCOE. This not only represents a significant accomplishment for the University, but also validates the professionalism of the current CCOE team in CME planning, implementation and evaluation.

This accreditation represents a historical achievement for continuing medical education programming at UMDNJ, and formally credits the high level of quality and accountability demonstrated by the staff, faculty and partners of CCOE.

ACCME accreditation seeks to assure both physicians and the public that continuing medical education activities provided by UMDNJ-CCOE meet the high standards of the Essential Areas, Elements and Policies for Accreditation as specified by the ACCME. The ACCME rigorously evaluates the overall continuing medical education programs of institutions according to standards adopted by all seven sponsoring organizations of the ACCME. These are: the American Board of Medical Specialties; the American Hospital Association; the American Medical Association; the Association for Hospital Medical Education; the Association of American Medical Colleges; the Council of Medical Specialty Societies; and the Federation of State Medical Boards of the U.S., Inc.

About UMDNJ CCOE

As the largest public health sciences university in the country, UMDNJ provides a resource-rich foundation for continuing medical education excellence through the Center for Continuing and Outreach Education (CCOE). Working in partnership with eight schools and numerous institutes and centers across five regional campuses throughout New Jersey, CCOE provides education with a diversity of approach, culture, and expertise that is

unmatched in the medical education field.

Consistent with its responsibility as an academic medical center, UMDNJ, through CCOE, provides a comprehensive program of continuing medical education with the goal of improving the quality of patient care by providing lifelong educational opportunities for physicians and other healthcare providers.

For additional information about UMDNJ-CCOE, please visit our website: <http://ccoe.umdnj.edu>.

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