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CONNECTICUT CHILDREN’S JOINS ABMS MULTI-SPECIALTY PORTFOLIO PROGRAM

Board Certified Physicians Participating in Quality Improvement Initiatives Will Earn Maintenance of Certification Credit

CHICAGO – June 3, 2019 – The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) today announced that Connecticut Children’s, the primary pediatric teaching hospital for the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, has joined ABMS’ Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program™ (Portfolio Program). Physicians who are board certified by one or more of the 18 of 24 ABMS Member Boards participating in the Portfolio Program can now earn Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Improvement in Medical Practice (Part IV) credit for their involvement in quality improvement (QI) activities.

Located in Hartford, Connecticut Children’s is nationally recognized and is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best children’s hospitals in the nation. The hospital fosters a patient- and family-centered environment with a focus on research, education and advocacy. In addition to its primary academic affiliation with the University of Connecticut, it also has a teaching partnership with the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University and is a research partner of The Jackson Laboratory. Working with the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), Connecticut Children’s experienced a 62 percent increase in the number of physicians enrolled in MOC Improvement in Medical Practice projects and plans to increase the participation as a member of the ABMS Portfolio Program.

“Participating in the ABMS Portfolio Program is an excellent way to support our physicians’ continuing certification efforts, while also aligning their work with important quality improvement initiatives that directly impact patient care,” said Paul H. Dworkin, MD, executive vice president for community child health at Connecticut Children’s. “We are pleased to join forces with the Portfolio Program and be able to expand our current medical staff’s participation in systemwide activities that will improve the care we deliver to the children, families and communities we serve.”
Connecticut Children’s MOC program is coordinated through Connecticut Children’s Office for Community Child Health (Office). Addressing critical contemporary issues that have the potential to adversely affect children’s health and development, the Office not only serves as a critical community resource, but also cultivates innovative and cost-effective solutions to address existing gaps in our health care and child service systems. The Office oversees the Connecticut Children’s Practice Quality Improvement Program, created as a resource to physicians and practices interested in engaging in data-driven continuous quality improvement by systematically assessing and improving the quality of care they deliver to patients. Physicians can participate in current projects or develop new QI/MOC projects that are relevant to their practice.

“We are pleased to welcome Connecticut Children’s as an ABMS Portfolio Program sponsor. Physician engagement is essential to the long-term success of QI initiatives,” stated David W. Price, MD, FAAFP, FACEHP, FSACME, Executive Director of the Portfolio Program. “To date, Connecticut Children’s has had incredible physician engagement through its work with ABP. We expect that, by broadening the specialties able to access MOC credit by their participation, Connecticut Children’s will see even more medical staff members working toward the same goal of improving their practice to positively impact patient care.”

To date, the ABMS Portfolio Program has helped engage physicians in QI and practice improvement initiatives at hospitals and health systems across the country, with many showing improvement in care outcomes. Since its inception, more than 3,100 improvement efforts have been completed by Portfolio Program participants.

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About ABMS
Established in 1933, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) is 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, helping to improve the quality of care to the patients, families and communities we serve. More than 880,000 physicians are certified in one or more of the approved 40 specialties and 87 subspecialties offered by the ABMS Member Boards. For more information about ABMS, visit abms.org or call (312) 436-2600.

About Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
Connecticut Children’s is the only hospital in Connecticut dedicated exclusively to the care of children and ranked one of the best children’s hospitals in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and a Magnet® designated hospital. Connecticut Children’s provides more than 30 pediatric specialties along with community-based programs to uniquely care for the physical, social, and emotional needs of children. Our team of pediatric experts and care coordinators bring access to breakthrough research, advanced treatments for both rare and common diseases, and innovative health and safety programs to every child. Connecticut Children’s is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to improve access to healthcare for all children through convenient locations, care alliances and partnerships.