WHEREAS, The Methodist Hospital d/b/a Houston Methodist ("HM") is applying for full accreditation by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (the "ACGME") as a sponsoring institution of graduate medical education programs;

WHEREAS, the ACGME requires a written statement of institutional commitment to providing the educational, financial, and human resources necessary to support programs of graduate medical education; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Medical Education Committee has adopted the attached Institutional Statement of Commitment and recommends that the Audit and Compliance Committee of the HM Board of Directors support the adoption of the attached Institutional Statement of Commitment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Audit and Compliance Committee of the HM Board of Directors has reviewed and supports the attached Institutional Statement of Commitment; and

RESOLVED, that the Audit and Compliance Committee recommends that the HM Board of Directors adopt the Institutional Statement of Commitment and affirm its charge to develop, implement, and maintain graduate medical education programs that are consistent with the mission, vision, and values of HM by adopting the attached Institutional Statement of Commitment.
Statement of Institutional Commitment to Graduate Medical Education

Medical education is a vital part of Houston Methodist's mission: "To provide high quality, cost-effective health care that delivers the best value to the people we serve in a spiritual environment of caring in association with internationally recognized teaching and research." This mission is consistent with the institutional vision that "people will seek Houston Methodist as a globally recognized leader of pioneering medical expertise and innovative personalized care."

It is the intent of Houston Methodist to maintain and enhance excellence in clinical care, clinical teaching, and research in order to educate future generations of physicians serving our community and beyond and who will become tomorrow's physicians leading medicine. Houston Methodist commits itself to provide quality graduate medical education programs in which physicians-in-training will develop personal, clinical, and professional competence under the guidance and careful supervision of clinical teachers and staff. Houston Methodist further commits that all accredited residency programs will be in substantial compliance with the institutional requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and other accrediting and regulatory bodies and the program-specific requirements of each Residency Review Committee (RRC). Houston Methodist undertakes its commitment to teaching within the foundation of its L.-C.A.R.E. values:

Integrity: "We are honest and ethical in all we say and do."
Compassion: "We embrace the whole person and respond to emotional, ethical and spiritual concerns as well as physical needs."
Accountability: "We hold ourselves accountable for our actions."
Respect: "We treat every individual as a person of worth, dignity and value."
Excellence: "We strive to be the best at what we do and a model for others to emulate."

To fulfill its commitment, Houston Methodist has established an organized administrative system to oversee all graduate medical education through the activities of the Graduate Medical Education Committee and the Designated Institutional Official. Houston Methodist pledges its continued commitment to graduate medical education by providing the necessary financial support for administrative, educational, and clinical resources, including personnel.

The Board of Directors of Houston Methodist, its teaching faculty, and staff support this statement of commitment, developed by the Graduate Medical Education Committee.

Approved by Graduate Medical Education Committee on November 14, 2013
Approved by the Audit & Compliance Committee on March 6, 2014
Approved by the Board of Directors on March 24, 2014
Judy L. Paukert, PhD
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