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Four More Earn AAHRPP Accreditation, Reflecting Continued Growth in U.S. and Abroad

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs Inc. today announced that it has awarded accreditation to four additional organizations, including one more in Korea. The newly accredited organizations are:

- **Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, IL**
- **Columbia Medical Center of Plano, Plano, TX**
- **Kyung Hee University Hospital, Seoul, South Korea**
- **Mississippi State University of Agriculture and Applied Science, Mississippi State, MS**

The accreditations are the latest example of AAHRPP’s continued growth throughout the research enterprise. They also reflect AAHRPP’s steady progress in achieving the goal of one standard worldwide for protecting research participants and advancing high-quality research.

“These accreditations underscore that AAHRPP’s standards apply equally well to organizations across the research spectrum,” said Marjorie A. Speers, Ph.D., AAHRPP president and CEO. “AAHRPP accreditation is widely regarded as the mark of a quality human research protection program worldwide.”

AAHRPP accreditation is available to U.S. and international organizations that conduct biomedical, behavioral or social sciences research involving human participants. To date, AAHRPP has accredited organizations in 46 states, Canada, China, India, Korea, Mexico, Singapore and Taiwan.

Since its founding in 2001, AAHRPP has been instrumental in persuading research organizations to focus on quality improvement and routinely assess their performance. As a result, today’s AAHRPP-accredited HRPPs can point to measurable improvements in advancing research, protecting participants and building public trust.

About AAHRPP: A nonprofit organization, AAHRPP provides accreditation for organizations that conduct human research and can demonstrate that their protections exceed the safeguards required by the U.S. government. To learn more, visit www.aahrpp.org.

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