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AAHRPP Accredits First Organizations in Europe

Four others, in U.S. and China, also earn accreditation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs today announced that it has accredited six more research organizations, including its first two in Europe. Both are in Belgium.

Three U.S. organizations and a hospital in China also are among the latest to earn AAHRPP accreditation.

The newly accredited organizations are:

- **Children’s Mercy Hospital**, Kansas City, Missouri
- **Cliniques Universitaires de Bruxelles- Hôpital Erasme**, Brussels, Belgium
- **Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc**, Brussels, Belgium
- **Renal Research Institute, LLC**, New York, New York
- **Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center**, Lubbock, Texas
- **The Third Xiangya Hospital of Central South University**, Changsha, Hunan Province, China

“These latest accreditations expand AAHRPP’s influence in yet another key region for clinical research,” AAHRPP President and CEO Elyse I. Summers said. “With accredited organizations in Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America, we are strengthening protections for research participants around the globe and across all sectors of the research enterprise.”

AAHRPP-accredited organizations include universities, academic medical centers, community and specialty hospitals, independent institutional review boards, contract research organizations, dedicated research sites, research sponsors, and public health departments.

To earn AAHRPP accreditation, organizations must demonstrate that they have built extensive safeguards into every level of their research operation and that they adhere to high standards for research. In today’s global, collaborative research enterprise, organizations increasingly rely on AAHRPP accreditation status to help identify trusted research partners.

To date, AAHRPP has accredited more than 215 organizations in 46 states, Belgium, Canada, China, India, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand. All major U.S. independent institutional review boards have earned AAHRPP accreditation. In

addition, more than 60 percent of U.S. research-intensive universities and over 65 percent of U.S. medical schools are either AAHRPP accredited or have begun the accreditation process. The National Institutes of Health, the world's largest public funder of research, has earned accreditation, as has Pfizer, Inc., the largest industry sponsor of clinical research.

About AAHRPP: A nonprofit organization, AAHRPP provides accreditation for organizations that conduct or review 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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