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ACGME Elects New Officers for Board of Directors

CHICAGO, IL (October 8, 2018)—At its September 2018 meeting, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Board of Directors elected three executive officers.

Jeffrey P. Gold, MD is the new Board Chair, with a term through September 2020. In this role, he will oversee the development of the organization's strategic plan and all committees that have activities in accreditation or training. He will be an ex-officio member of each ACGME committee and Council, and will chair the three major board meetings each year.

Dr. Gold is a nationally recognized leader and advocate for transforming higher education, academic medicine, and health care delivery. He serves as Chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he is responsible for all aspects of campus leadership, program quality, and operations. He serves as the chair of the Board of Nebraska Medicine Health System. Dr. Gold holds a health professions academic appointment as tenured professor in the College of Medicine and in the College of Public Health, where his research interests in population health and health care economics are concentrated.

Prior to joining UNMC, Dr. Gold served as chancellor of the University of Toledo's academic and clinical health sciences programs. He also served in academic and clinical leadership roles at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine – Montefiore Medical System and at the Weill Cornell College of Medicine – New York Presbyterian Medical Center. He has enjoyed long term NIH Research funding and has mentored countless students, residents, faculty and colleagues.

Dr. Gold is a graduate of the Cornell University College of Engineering, where he received a degree in theoretical and applied mechanics. He earned his MD from the Weill Cornell College of Medicine, and completed his general surgery residency at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He completed his cardiothoracic surgical fellowship training at the Brigham and Women's Hospital with additional training in pediatric cardiac surgery at the Boston Children's Hospital of Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Gold's national leadership experience is extensive, and has included more than 50 national professional committees and more than 100 national organizations, volunteer boards, government and public health councils, and industry associations. He has published more than 300 peer-reviewed manuscripts and over 250 plenary and keynote addresses. He has received many honors including recognition as a Top 50 Health Care Executive and a Top 100 Physician Executive.

Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, CS is the new Vice Chair.

Dr. Nichols served as the Dean of Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Illinois from 2002-2018. Prior to that, she was Assistant Dean, Post-Doctoral Education and Division Director (chair), Internal Medicine at the Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine since 1997, and was in the private practice of internal medicine and geriatrics in Mesa, Arizona from 1985-2002. A DO graduate of the Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCU-COM), she also holds a Master's degree in management with a specialty in healthcare administration from Central Michigan University.

Dr. Nichols has received numerous awards, including the first Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association Physician of the Year Award, Physician of the Year Award from the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society, the J.O. Watson named Lectureship from the Ohio Osteopathic Association, and Distinguished Service Awards from the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Association, and the KCU-COM Alumni Association, and holds an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from that same institution. She was the 2012 recipient of the KCU-COM Alumna of the Year Award, and received the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association. Dr. Nichols also holds honorary degrees from University of Pikeville – College of Osteopathic Medicine, Lincoln Memorial University – College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, A. T. Still University/Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and Western University of Health Sciences – College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific.

She has served as president of the American Osteopathic Association, president of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, and president of the American College of Osteopathic Internists, and was the first woman to hold all of those positions.

Dr. Nichols has served on the boards of the KCU-COM and the American Osteopathic Foundation. She frequently speaks nationally on leadership, end-of-life care, and outreach issues for osteopathic medicine.

Steven I. Goldstein is the Treasurer for the third consecutive year.

He serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, New York. He also serves as Vice President for the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC), President for Long Term Care for URMC, and President and Chief Executive Officer for Highland Hospital.

Mr. Goldstein is a Professor in Community and Preventive Medicine for the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Prior to assuming his position at Strong, he served in executive or administrative positions at Rochester General Hospital, The Children's Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio, the University of Nebraska Hospitals and Clinics and the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. He also has served as an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Community Medicine at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton and as the Chairman of the Hospital Association of New York State.

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The ACGME is a private, non-profit, professional organization responsible for the accreditation of approximately 11,200 residency and fellowship programs and the approximately 830 institutions that sponsor these programs in the United States. Residency and fellowship programs educate approximately 135,000 resident and fellow physicians in 180 specialties and subspecialties. The ACGME's mission is to improve health care and population health by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through accreditation.