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**AAHRPP Accredits Four More Research Organizations,
Including Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs today announced that it has accredited four more research organizations, including two academic medical centers, a research university and a premier, globally recognized cancer center.

The newly accredited organizations are:

- Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York
- Northwestern University, Evanston and Chicago, Illinois
- Trustees of Boston University, Charles River Campus, Boston, Massachusetts
- University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi

They join 15 other organizations in earning AAHRPP accreditation this year, bringing the total to 19 in 2016 and 231 accredited organizations overall.

“AAHRPP’s mission is to help ensure robust research participant protections,” AAHRPP President and CEO Elyse I. Summers said. “Therefore, a good year for us means a good year for strengthening research protections worldwide.

“We added our first organizations in Africa and South America and increased our presence in Asia. We also made inroads across the research enterprise, welcoming hospitals and health systems, academic medical centers and a research institute to the AAHRPP family,” she added. “We applaud our newly accredited organizations and all organizations and individuals who are committed to the high standards required to attain and maintain AAHRPP accreditation.”

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.

AAHRPP has accredited organizations in 47 states, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, India, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, 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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