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**AAHRPP Accredits Four More Research Organizations**

*22 earn accreditation in 2017*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs today announced that it has accredited four more research organizations—one each in the U.S., Canada, Korea, and Taiwan.

The newly accredited organizations are:

- BC Diabetes, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Boston Medical Center and Boston University Medical Campus, Boston, Massachusetts
- Chang Gung Medical Foundation, Taipei City, Taiwan
- Korea University Medical Center, Seoul, Korea

They join 18 other organizations in earning AAHRPP accreditation this year, bringing the total to 22 in 2017 and 251 accredited organizations overall. Of those, 49 are outside the U.S.

“This was a good year for AAHRPP accreditation and for the research participants that AAHRPP’s high standards help protect,” AAHRPP President and CEO Elyse I. Summers said.

“AAHRPP accreditation has long been recognized as the gold standard for research protections and as evidence of an organization’s commitment to high-quality, ethical research,” she added. “In an increasingly collaborative research enterprise, accreditation is more valuable than ever because it signals that an organization is a trusted partner.”

To earn accreditation, organizations must show that they have built extensive safeguards into every level of their research operation and that they adhere to high standards for research.

AAHRPP has accredited organizations across the United States and in 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, 70 percent of U.S. medical colleges and 84 percent of the top National Institute of Health-funded academic medical centers are either AAHRPP accredited or have begun the

accreditation process. NIH, 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](http://www.aahrpp.org).

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