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**Acclaim Physician Group and TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine Announce
Hiring of National Leader in Family Medicine**



FORT WORTH, Texas (Sept. 13, 2017) – The Fort Worth health care community welcomes a new leader in family medicine with the recruitment of Grant C. Fowler, M.D., who will serve as family medicine chairman and primary care service line chief for Acclaim Physician Group, as well as the academic chair of family medicine for the new TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine. This is the first joint hire between the two organizations. Dr. Fowler will begin his new assignments in October.

Dr. Fowler, an expert in geriatric and sports medicine, served as vice chair of the University of Texas Medical School at Houston Department of Family and Community Medicine beginning in 1998. He also served as interim chief or assistant chief of family medicine and director of family medicine inpatient service at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston since 1991. Additionally, Dr. Fowler was residency director for the University of Texas Medical School at Houston Family Practice Program from 1991 to 1998.

As Acclaim’s family medicine chairman and primary care service line chief, Dr. Fowler will be responsible for leading primary care service lines at JPS, which includes family medicine, community health and outpatient pediatrics. He also will collaborate with the director of the JPS family medicine residency program – the largest hospital-based family medicine residency program in the nation – to align the educational experience between undergrad and graduate medical education. Additionally, Dr. Fowler’s position as academic chair of family medicine at the new M.D. school allows him to contribute to the development of the new school and oversee family practice teaching opportunities.

“I am extremely excited to work with Dr. Fowler, a nationally and internationally recognized physician leader in full-scope family medicine practice and education,” said Acclaim President James Johnson, M.D. “Dr. Fowler will play a crucial role informing, developing and putting into practice innovative patient-centered strategy that will accelerate making lives better in our community.”

The announcement of Dr. Fowler’s appointments is an example of the working relationships among Acclaim, JPS Health Network and the School of Medicine. The collaboration among these organizations strengthens Fort Worth’s health care community as they work together to ensure quality of care, develop practicing physicians and improve patient outcomes.

“Dr. Fowler’s impressive background and reputation as a leading expert in family medicine will make him a tremendous asset for our students, as well as to the Fort Worth community,” said TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine Founding Dean Stuart Flynn, M.D. “Our goal is to develop physicians who are empathetic scholars, and Dr. Fowler, along with the teams at Acclaim and JPS, will be invaluable to the development of these students.”

In addition to his tenure at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston and Memorial Hermann Hospital, Dr. Fowler has given countless presentations and participated in more than 150 radio and television broadcasts regarding topics in medicine and injury prevention. Dr. Fowler also coauthored the textbook “Procedures for Primary Care.” He earned his Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from Rice University and attended the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, as well as earned a certificate of management from the University of Houston – Clear Lake School of Business and Public Administration.

Dr. Fowler is past president of the Harris County Academy of Family Physicians and served in a national leadership position on the board of the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors. His numerous honors include the 2016 Texas Academy of Family Physicians Exemplary Teaching Award, the 2017 University of Texas System Regents Outstanding Teaching Award and induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society as an alumnus in 2015.

About Acclaim Physician Group

Acclaim Physician Group was created in March 2015 as a multispecialty medical practice group designed to align clinical providers with a common set of incentives and expectations supporting operational, financial and clinical performance improvement. Medical service lines in the group include primary care/family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, psychiatry, urology and surgery.

About JPS Health Network

JPS Health Network is Tarrant County’s publicly supported healthcare system. The network includes an acute care hospital, more than 40 primary and specialty care health centers, including 20 school-based health centers, and the county’s only psychiatric emergency center and Level 1 trauma center. JPS is home to 15 clinical residency and fellowship programs, including the largest hospital-based family medicine residency in the United States.

About the TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine

The TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine is Fort Worth’s first M.D. school, set to open with a class of 60 students in July 2019, pending accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. TCU and UNTHSC joined together in July 2015 to form this new allopathic medical school. The School of Medicine’s focus on communication, a first-of-its-kind curriculum and the development of empathetic scholars uniquely positions the organization to radically transform medical education, improving care for future generations.

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