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NEWS RELEASE

HRET Awarded Grant to Study Best Practices in High Performing Multi-Hospital Health Systems

CHICAGO—January 27, 2009—The Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET), an affiliate of the American Hospital Association, has been awarded a \$289,694 grant from The Commonwealth Fund to study best practices in high performing, multi-hospital health systems. The one-year project began on January 15, 2009.

The project will use data from a variety of sources and interview leaders of health systems to identify best practices that are associated with key measures of high-quality care. The project will produce actionable information that system leaders can use to improve performance.

“Multi-hospital health systems represent a tremendous opportunity to improve health care quality on a wide scale,” said HRET President Maulik Joshi, DrPH, who is principal investigator on the project. “More than half of all U.S. hospitals belong to a health system, and providing information hospital leaders can immediately use to improve performance will make a significant impact on the quality of care in this country.”

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About HRET

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