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**A rich history of commitment to
Medical Education in Northwest Ohio**

Agenda

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- Graduate Medical Education at Mercy
- Osteopathic Residencies at Mercy
- Excellence in Graduate Medical Education
 - A view from Mercy physicians on GME
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 - A view from recent and current graduates
- Conclusion

Commission on GME

- Mercy Health Partners fully supports the mission of this committee
- Ensuring a supply of quality physicians is important to the entire community
- A careful look at the system of graduate medical education – improving the system when needed and building on our successes – can help us achieve that goal



Commission on GME

- Background on GME nationally
 - 126 medical schools in the country
 - 100,000 residents at any given time
 - Significant amount of training is conducted at tertiary and community hospitals
 - Hospitals like St. Vincent set up residency programs to meet the needs of their specific communities and physicians

Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- MHP currently has 190 residents
 - 148 Allopathic
 - 42 Osteopathic
- Of those 190 residents
 - 46 are UT-COM residents
 - 144 are from Mercy Health Partners' programs



Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- Current residencies are offered in the following areas:
 - Emergency Medicine (MD)
 - Family Medicine (MD)
 - Internal Medicine (MD/DO)
 - Transitional Year (MD)
 - OB/GYN (DO)
 - Orthopedics (DO)
 - General Surgery (DO)
 - Internship (DO)
 - Podiatry
 - Pediatric Dental Surgery

Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- We are a mission-based healthcare system with a goal of:
 - Providing quality of care to all – seeking out the poor and underserved
 - Improving the health of the communities we serve
- Graduate Medical Education is a part of fulfilling that mission
- Medical residency programs are vital to the quality of care – and the quality of life in this community



Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- Mercy has supported residency programs in this community without reservation
- Started the first medical/surgical internship at St. Vincent in 1894
- Received Northwest Ohio's first graduate medical education accreditation in 1920
- After the founding of Medical College of Ohio, St. Vincent helped MCO get its residency programs started
- In 1998-99, residents were asked to leave an area hospital in the middle of an academic year – St. Vincent absorbed all 22 residents



Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- Mercy Health Partners is committed to the success of UT-COM
- Historically, Mercy Health Partners has had long-term, uninterrupted academic agreements with the University of Toledo (MCO) which have benefited the community
 - Currently, we are operating under a five-year academic agreement with UT, which further demonstrates a steady commitment to medical education



Osteopathic Residencies at Mercy

- When Parkview Hospital closed in 1996, Mercy stepped in to give 21 osteopathic residents a home and to preserve the program and future physicians for the benefit of the community
- As a result, MHP was a founding member of Consortium of Osteopathic Research and Education with the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Programs expanded in 2003 to meet community need
- Currently 60% of osteopathic students stay in Northwest Ohio to practice medicine in areas such as family practice, obstetrics and surgery



Excellence in Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- Mercy Health Partners residencies collectively have a board pass rate of 96% on first attempt for all of its graduates (National average is 70-75%)



Excellence in Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- Mercy's programs were awarded the maximum allowable accreditations from:
 - ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education)
 - AOA (American Osteopathic Association)
 - CPME (Council for Podiatric Medical Education)

Excellence in Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- St. Vincent and St. Charles received a commendation and the distinction of a “best practice” in Graduate Medical Education from ACGME
- In 2005, St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center and St. Charles Mercy Hospital were awarded a five-year institutional accreditation from the ACGME with no concerns or citations
 - This puts Mercy in the top 25% of academic institutions in the country for quality of its program

Excellence in Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- Mercy programs saw a 30% increase in the number of applicants for residencies during the last three years
- This past year that equates to 3,050 applications for 50 first-year positions
- That means more than 60 applications were received for each position offered

Excellence in Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- Former Mercy Residents
 - Chief Academic Officer
 - 2 of 3 Chiefs of Staff from Mercy Metro Hospitals
 - President & CEO of St. Vincent Mercy Children's Hospital

Excellence in Graduate Medical Education at Mercy

- A view on GME from Mercy physicians

Resident Retention at Mercy

- Each year, Mercy “graduates” 60 residents
 - On average 50%, or 30 new physicians annually, stay to practice in Northwest Ohio
 - Included are emergency medicine, family practice, obstetrics and internal medicine physicians as well as general and orthopedic surgeons

Resident Retention at Mercy

- A view on GME from Mercy residents

Conclusion

- MHP is committed to medical education as a matter of mission, not business
- Mercy provides high quality medical education that retains residents in this area because it is the right thing to do

