

**Joslin Diabetes Center and Forward Health Group launch initiative to resolve the critical link connecting continuing medical education (CME) to sustained quality improvement**

*Total population data capture paired with Performance Improvement (PI) CME to improve patient outcomes for diabetes care in the primary care practice*

BOSTON – March 2, 2011-- Joslin Diabetes Center has launched a groundbreaking initiative for primary care physicians to improve diabetes care. Joslin, with technology from Forward Health Group, Inc., is providing qualifying primary care practices in the United States with the critical capability to extract usefulness out of existing clinical data at the individual patient level, and to combine this information with practice improvement support and education. The initiative is supported via independent continuing medical education (CME) grant funding provided by GlaxoSmithKline and Merck & Co.

“To move the needle toward real improvement in diabetes, we need to know where the gaps are in order to provide targeted education and resources to improve,” said Richard Beaser, M.D., Medical Executive Director for Joslin Professional Education. “This initiative does exactly that.”

Using Population Manager™, a clinical informatics tool provided by Forward Health Group, Joslin is providing enhanced electronic clinical data capture and outcomes data visualization capabilities to qualifying practitioners. Each practitioner is then directed to a suite of Joslin education, tools and resources targeted to individual gaps to support improvement over time well beyond the scope of the performance improvement (PI) CME activity alone.

“This initiative truly has the potential to be transformational,” said Michael Barbouche, Founder/CEO of Forward Health Group. “The world's leading provider of clinical care, research and education in diabetes can now provide total population data for the busy primary care doctor. Participating physicians can view their entire panel of patients, identify gaps in execution and delivery of care, and rely on Joslin education resources to improve. It's a great opportunity for practices to improve where they most need



it and meet important quality benchmarks and certain CME and potentially Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirements without having to invest many hours in manually abstracting charts."

In addition to data support, participating practices will have access to proven education and point of care tools and resources and other dedicated Joslin staff support. Joslin is actively recruiting practices. Interested parties should contact Karen Kuc at 617-226-5933 or [karen.kuc@joslin.harvard.edu](mailto:karen.kuc@joslin.harvard.edu).

### **About Joslin Diabetes Center and Joslin Professional Education**

Joslin Diabetes Center is the world's preeminent diabetes research and clinical care organization. Joslin is dedicated to ensuring that people with diabetes live long, healthy lives and offers real hope and progress toward diabetes prevention and a cure. Founded in 1898 by Elliott P. Joslin, M.D., Joslin is an independent, nonprofit institution affiliated with Harvard Medical School. For more information about Joslin, visit [www.joslin.org](http://www.joslin.org).

Joslin Diabetes Center, accredited since 1995, was most recently awarded Accreditation with Commendation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) in 2006. Joslin's innovative performance improvement focused CME program for physicians and other health professionals advance the highest standards of care. The program includes live symposia and courses, Audio CD's, mobile applications, Web-based educational activities, and Performance Improvement CME Pathways. For more information about Joslin Professional Education and Joslin PI CME pathways visit [www.jpec.joslin.org](http://www.jpec.joslin.org).

### **About Forward Health Group**

Forward Health Group is a leading-edge clinical informatics company, transforming fragmented clinical and administrative healthcare data stored in disparate systems, into actionable information that can be used to drive population health improvement. For more information, visit [www.forwardhealthgroup.com](http://www.forwardhealthgroup.com).



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