

Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) Response to the IOM Report on the Governance and Financing of GME

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The Institute of Medicine's (IOM) radical recommendations to overhaul the nation's graduate medical education (GME) program would severely weaken America's teaching hospitals and their ability to train tomorrow's physicians.

The report is a significant missed opportunity for IOM. To GNYHA's disappointment, the report failed to build on the 1997 IOM report *On Implementing a National Graduate Medical Education Trust Fund*, which recommended establishing a GME Trust Fund and noted "the desirability of replacing, at least in part, eroding support from private-sector health care payments and limiting inappropriate shifting of the financial burden of providing a general, public benefit to Medicare."

Today's IOM report could have further developed this idea to ensure that the nation's academic medical centers and teaching hospitals are appropriately supported in their training of tomorrow's physicians. Instead, the new report focuses solely on Medicare GME payment policy and Medicare's support for teaching hospitals. By pursuing such a narrow focus, the IOM squandered a chance to make a major contribution to the need for 1) more robust financing of GME and 2) an adequate future physician workforce to care for all Americans.

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*The above statement can be attributed to Greater New York Hospital Association President
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