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The Geriatric Emergency Department Collaborative (GEDC)

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Dear GEDC Partnership Selection Committee,

[Statement of support and explanation of fit for GEDC Partnership]

*Example 1:*

*It is our pleasure to write this letter to support our Emergency Department's application to the Geriatric ED Collaborative. Mayo Clinic Hospital, Saint Marys Campus is located in Rochester Minnesota. We see 23,000 adults age 65 and older per year, including 9,000 aged 80 and older. A total of 20% of our seniors have diagnosis of dementia, and 56% of all Emergency Department visits resulted in a hospital admission in 2017.*

*Mayo Clinic is among the top hospitals in the nation providing geriatric care. We have consistently ranked among the top 3 in the Nation in the US News and World Reports. Most recently, this year we are #2 (https :/ /health. usnews. com/best-hospitals/ area/mn/ma yo-clinic-66104 51 /geriatric-care).*

[How have you shown your commitment to improving the care of older adults so far? What goals does your hospital or health system have for improving this care in collaboration with GEDC?]

*Example 1:*

*Several of our current 15 accredited Geriatric EDs have benefited from GEDCs membership resources such as Bootcamps, website, toolkits, Boosters, webinars, and office hours. GEDC Health System membership will allow us to all our sites, as well as population we served, to benefit. Furthermore, system membership supports our goal of a standardized system approach delivering optimal, age-appropriate emergency care in our integrated system of EDs, hospitals, clinics, ACOs, pharmacies, and homecare.*

*The AAH Emergency Division fully commits to membership obligations of participating in GEDC events, continuing interdisciplinary QI initiatives, collaboration with other GEDC member systems via the GEDC Roundtable, sharing de-identified aggregated data and QI results. The AAH Geri ED system team is proud to share their knowledge and experience of implementing at scale and development of a scalable interactive Geri ED Dashboard.*

*Example 2:*

*We have shown our commitment to improve the care our older adults over several years. We created our first Geriatric ED day in 2018 and our first Geriatric Quality Improvement Workshop in 2019 bringing together multidisciplinary teams from the Mayo Clinic Health System and Enterprise (Mayo Clinic Florida, Arizona, and Minnesota). We have multiple ED teams working at their own hospitals to further implement quality improvement projects related to better care for older adults, and we continue to promote department-wide efforts to move our practice into alignment with the ideals of a "Geriatric­friendly ED."*

*Our efforts are beyond the ED, and collaboration with outpatient and inpatient geriatric practices are ongoing. We have collaborated with Dr. Robert Pignolo, Chair of the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, and multiple others that take care of our seniors.*

Thank you for your consideration.

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