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## Six Health Systems Selected for National Institutional Impact VTE Mentored Quality Initiative

**BETHESDA, MD, March 10, 2011 -** ASHP Advantage has selected six health systems to participate in a national Institutional Impact VTE Mentored Quality Initiative. The sites were selected through a competitive application process, and applicants were required to assemble a multidisciplinary team and garner support from senior leadership to conduct a VTE quality improvement project at their facilities. This is the second year that this program has been offered.

Physician-pharmacist faculty teams with expertise in VTE prevention and quality improvement will visit selected health systems during April and May to evaluate VTE prevention practices and provide specific recommendations to enable the participants to meet their quality improvement goals. Following the visit, participants and their multidisciplinary teams will conduct a VTE quality improvement project and report changes in the care of patients at risk of VTE.

The selected participants are as follows:

Froedtert Health
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Team Leader: Jordan Dow, Pharm.D.

Liberty Hospital
Liberty, Missouri
Team Leader: Megan Fischer, MBA

Overlook Hospital
Summit, New Jersey
Team Leader: William Rickley, Pharm.D.

Saint Barnabas Medical Center
Livingston, New Jersey
Team Leader: Maggie Lundberg, R.N.

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, Texas
Team Leader: Ginger Langley, Pharm.D.

WellSpan Health
York, Pennsylvania
Team Leader: Jon Horton, Pharm.D.

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The faculty mentors are as follows:

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The Institutional Impact VTE Mentored Quality Initiative is part of a series of interprofessional activities designed to increase the rate of thromboprophylaxis in high-risk populations and promote the safe use of anticoagulation therapies. This initiative is supported by an educational grant from Ortho-McNeil, Division of Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., administered by Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC.

For more information about this educational initiative, visit www.StopVTE.org.

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