A Memorandum of Understanding Links Emek Medical Center and the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine

We are pleased to announce establishment of a memorandum of understanding between the Emek Medical Center in Afula, Israel and the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. The Emek Medical Center is affiliated with the Rappaport Faculty of Medicine at the Technion in Haifa, Israel.

The memorandum of understanding encourages collaborative research and the sharing of scientific knowledge between the two institutions and leveraging the medical expertise of both institutions to advance the science and practice of medicine. It is hoped that this collaboration will foster economic development through biomedical discovery in Michigan as well as in the region served by the Emek Medical Center.

The Emek Medical Center and the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine together with Beaumont Health System, the teaching site for the School of Medicine, plan to explore joint fellowships and other higher learning opportunities.

The memorandum calls for the exchange of administrators, faculty members, and trainees in medicine at all levels between the two institutions.

On February 14 and 15, the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine and Beaumont Health System hosted Dr. Daniel Briscoe, Chair of Ophthalmology at the Emek Medical Center, for ophthalmology grand rounds at Beaumont. Last year, the Founding Dean of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, Dr. Robert Folberg, contributed to Northern Israel’s First Ophthalmic Pathology Symposium hosted at the Emek Medical Center. These are the first of a number of planned exchanges.

This year, the first Emek Medical Center Resident started to study at Beaumont as part of her residency program. In the future, Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine medical students will be able to study at the Emek Medical Center.

The Emek Medical Center was established in 1924 and now hosts 500 beds. The Center serves 500,000 Jews, Muslims, Christians and Druze. The 1,900 multi-ethnic staff includes 300 physicians, 700 nurses, 100 academics and support personnel. The Emek Medical Center is a community hospital that serves a culturally rich population that is equally divided (50/50) between Jews and Arabs. The Emek Medical Center provides advanced health care to more than 1 million people in the North of Israel.

With 25 medical departments and 60 outpatient clinics, the Emek Medical Center provides an exceptional learning environment for Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine medical students to be exposed to exceptional medical practices in a unique multicultural environment that fosters co-existence of diverse ethnic groups.

This is the first global academic partnership for the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. Additional academic partnerships with outstanding medical educational institutions throughout the world are being developed.