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**GRADUATE EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S ONLINE CONTINUING
EDUCATION PROGRAM IS REACCREDITED BY ACCME**
Received exemplary compliance in evaluation of program effectiveness

Collingswood, NJ (August 2008) – Graduate Education Foundation, Inc. (GEF), a non-profit foundation, was recently surveyed by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Education (ACCME) and awarded accreditation for four years as a provider of Continuing Medical Education (CME) for physicians. To achieve Accreditation, the applicant must be found in Partial Compliance or better in all ACCME requirements through a rigorous self-assessment and on-site survey.

ACCME accreditation seeks to assure both physicians and the public that continuing medical education activities provided by GEF meet the high standards of the Essential Areas, Elements and Policies for Accreditation as specified by the ACCME. In its report summary the ACCME states, *"The provider has an innovative and creative mechanism in place to measure the effectiveness of its overall CME program with evidence that improvements are made on a regular basis."* As a result, GEF received **exemplary compliance** in the area of evaluation of the effectiveness of the program.

GEF's *CMElectures.org* is an innovative series of online continuing medical education lectures for doctors and other healthcare professionals. The program is available to individuals and healthcare institutions and is designed to meet the continuing education needs of healthcare practitioners in meeting state licensure requirements. Developed by leading physician-educators, *CMElectures.org* consists of more than 130 multi-media presentations covering a broad spectrum of medical and surgical related topics. The lectures are unbiased and free of any financial support from pharmaceutical companies or device manufacturers. The lectures cover 18 areas of specialty including pain management, cardiology, rheumatology/arthritis, orthopedics/sports medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine, and patient safety and risk management.

"GEF's achievement of accreditation demonstrates the commitment of our staff and authors to provide original, non-biased, evidence-based CME activities that are relevant to the practice of medicine in today's dynamic health care environment.," said Michael S. Feldman, M.D., FACC, Chairman of GEF, Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Senior Scholar in the Department of Health Policy at the Thomas Jefferson University School of Medicine and practicing cardiologist in Philadelphia.

GEF is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 2002, to enhance the training of healthcare providers by improving both the quality of and access to Continuing Medical Education. Its CMElectures.org division dedicates 100% of its programming to original medical lectures for online learning. GEF's mission is to better prepare providers to meet the challenges of a constantly changing healthcare environment by offering timely, unbiased, evidence-based lectures available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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