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**Three More Research Organizations Earn AAHRPP Accreditation**

*List includes first historically black university medical school*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs today announced that it has accredited three more organizations, including the first historically black college and university medical school and a fourth hospital in Taiwan.

The newly accredited organizations are:

- **Changhua Christian Hospital**, Changhua City, Taiwan.
- **Jaeb Center for Health Research Foundation**, Tampa, Florida
- **Morehouse School of Medicine**, Atlanta, Georgia

“These accreditations are the latest indications of the universal value of AAHRPP accreditation—for hospitals and health systems, research foundations, academic institutions, and any other organization engaged in research involving human participants,” AAHRPP President and CEO Elyse I. Summers said. “Those who adopt AAHRPP standards enhance the quality of their research, strengthen protections for participants, and command the respect of colleagues and partners throughout the global research enterprise.”

To earn AAHRPP accreditation, organizations must demonstrate that they have built extensive safeguards into every level of their research operation and that they adhere to high standards for research. In today’s global, collaborative research enterprise, organizations increasingly rely on AAHRPP accreditation status to help identify trusted research partners.

To date, AAHRPP has accredited more than 200 organizations in 46 states, Canada, China, India, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand. All major U.S. independent institutional review boards have earned AAHRPP accreditation. In addition, more than 60 percent of U.S. research-intensive universities and over 65 percent of U.S. medical schools are either AAHRPP accredited or have begun the accreditation process. The National Institutes of Health, the world’s largest public funder of research, has earned accreditation, as has Pfizer, Inc., the largest industry sponsor of clinical research.

**About AAHRPP:** A nonprofit organization, AAHRPP provides accreditation for organizations that conduct or review human research and can demonstrate that their protections exceed the safeguards required by the U.S. government. To learn more, visit [www.aahrpp.org](http://www.aahrpp.org).

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