ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAM SELECTION

ELIGIBILITY:
iCOMPARE is designed to measure differences across a broad set of outcomes, requiring the inclusion of sufficient numbers of trainees and patients. Eligible programs will meet the following inclusion criteria:

1. Sufficient presence of residents in their hospital(s):
   → Affiliation with hospital(s) in top 50% of resident to bed ratio (R:B ratio > 0.105)

2. Sufficient numbers of trainees:
   → Programs in the top 75% by trainee size (> 36 trainees)

3. Sufficient volumes of Medicare fee for service patients with diagnoses in which mortality is being measured (for a list of included diagnoses, please see the website):
   → Affiliation with hospital(s) in the top 75% of relevant Medicare patient volume (> 439 patients annually)

4. Ability and willingness to meet obligations of participation (see next section)

SELECTION:

• We estimate that approximately 200 programs meet the eligibility criteria.
• Please visit iCOMPAREstudy.com to apply. Preliminary eligibility is determined by using externally collected data on program size and patient mix which may not be up to date. If your program is not listed as eligible, and you are interested in volunteering, you can request an individual assessment of your program eligibility using data you provide directly. We encourage you to indicate this on our website.
• Programs can apply to participate on the website until 30 Sep 2014. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting in mid-August. Programs that are selected for iCOMPARE will be notified and asked to seek DIO approval. Programs that have submitted DIO approval will be assigned to one of the two duty-hour regimens beginning in September.

ACGME WAIVERS:
The ACGME has approved waivers of duty hour standards for the programs who enroll in iCOMPARE for from July 2015 through at least June 2019, or until action is taken on the duty hour policies. The waivers extend to all trainees that rotate through participating Internal Medicine programs (e.g. Emergency Medicine, Medicine-Pediatrics).