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Addiction to opioids is a crisis of national significance, and is an issue that we who represent the nation's medical schools and teaching hospitals play a unique role in addressing. With 44 people dying each day from prescription pain medication overdoses-according to HHS estimates*-academic medical centers across the country are actively developing robust curricula to train today's medical students about the threats posed by prescription drugs.

We are grateful to the White House and Congress for focusing on this devastating problem and bringing resources to bear to combat it. As independent partners in this effort, we understand that educating the next generation of doctors and medical professionals is a vital part of this effort. We are unwavering in our commitment to provide robust instruction and training across our programs to ensure that our graduates are equipped to meet these challenges.

In addition to training, our scientific research on addiction, pain, the brain, and behavior continues to advance our understanding of the complexities of this issue and direct how we can best respond within the context of policy and medicine. Similarly, our institutions are promoting clinical innovations in care to combat opioid dependence.

We look forward to continuing our work with policymakers and the federal government to advance solutions to this serious societal problem.

* Source: http://www.hhs.gov/opioids/about-the-epidemic/index.html (as of March 22, 2016)


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