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**NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES INITIAL
ACCREDITATION FOR TRANSITIONAL YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

GAINESVILLE, Ga. – Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) continues to grow its commitment to bring a pipeline of new physician leaders into the region with its seventh residency program receiving initial accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

“This is a monumental moment for the northeast Georgia region, NGMC and the community,” said John E. Delzell, Jr., MD, MSPH, FAAFP, vice president of Medical Education for Northeast Georgia Health System and designated institutional official for NGMC. “The goal of the Transitional Year residency program is to help create a solid foundation during the intern year that will train deeply compassionate, high quality, highly reliable, cost conscious physicians who practice with a deep sense that they impact life’s most sacred moments.”

The Transitional Year residency program is a one-year residency that prepares learners for advanced training for specialties such as dermatology, neurology and others. Residents spend time on various clinical rotations to be exposed to different patients with different diagnoses. This refines their medical skills and helps them decide what future specialty they would like to pursue.

“It’s very gratifying for me to work alongside our esteemed faculty for the Transitional Year residency program,” said Idopise Umana, MD, program director. “Our learners will spend

their year immersed in so many diverse specialties, really highlighting the deep expertise we offer as a health system. I'm so excited to start interviewing amazing candidates.”

The Transitional Year residency anticipates interviewing candidates now through January 2023 to fill 12 slots. After participating in the Match in March 2023, NGMC will welcome the inaugural class on July 1, 2023.

The extensive accreditation process was led by Dr. Delzell; Dr. Umana; Eriskel Legette, Transitional Year program coordinator; and Donna Brown, PhD, MS Ed, C-TAGME, director of Graduate Medical Education (GME) at NGMC.

For more information about NGMC's GME program, please visit ngmcgme.org.

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ABOUT NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER

Since 1951, Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) has been on a mission of improving the health of our community in all we do. With hospitals located in Gainesville, Braselton, Winder and Dahlonega, the four NGMC campuses have a total of more than 700 beds and more than 1,200 medical staff members representing more than 50 specialties. NGMC is part of Northeast Georgia Health System, a non-profit that cares for more than one million people across more than 19 counties. Learn more at www.nghs.com.

