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Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals Releases Impact Report *The Future of Health Care – the Impact of Greater Boston's Teaching Hospitals*

BOSTON – A report released by the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals (COBTH) highlights the vital role that teaching hospitals play in the future of healthcare – training new healthcare professionals, advancing medical research and partnering with communities to serve the underserved. The report highlights the economic impact that teaching hospitals have on the local and regional economy and their role in the larger life sciences industry.

"The teaching hospitals in greater Boston are national leaders in providing high-quality patient care, expert medical training and pioneering new ways to treat disease and deliver improved care," said John Fernandez, COBTH chair and President and Chief Executive Officer of Massachusetts Eye and Ear. As we explore new ways of delivering and paying for healthcare while providing value for each healthcare dollar, the role that teaching hospitals play in our healthcare system has never been more important."

The report, [*The Future of Health Care - the Impact of Greater Boston Teaching Hospitals*](#), found that collectively COBTH member hospitals:

- attract more than \$1.2b in National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF) and Veterans Administration (VA) research funding,
- sponsor more than 2,600 clinical trials,
- train more than 4,500 physicians each year - with Massachusetts ranking #1 in the nation for trainees per capita and #3 for primary care trainees per capita,
- provide over 72,000 jobs for Massachusetts residents,
- contribute \$13b in annual direct economic impact for Massachusetts, and
- provide more than \$177m in community benefit program funding and more than \$160m in charity care.

"Funding for early stage research is one of the factors our latest strategic report, Impact 2020, identifies as one of the secrets to Massachusetts' continued success as a life sciences supercluster," said Robert K. Coughlin, President & CEO of MassBio, the life sciences trade association. "The federal research funding that our teaching hospitals attract and the research they conduct are key to attracting and maintaining life science businesses and jobs, but most importantly, in discovering new ways to treat and detect disease."

The report also highlights the partnerships that COBTH hospitals have with local organizations through their community benefit programs. In FY12 COBTH hospitals provided more than \$170m in community benefit funding. "While people come from around the world for treatment at our teaching hospitals, these hospitals work closely with their neighbors and local organizations to build healthier neighborhoods and tackle issues such as disparities in care," said John Erwin, COBTH's Executive Director.

The full report can be found at <http://www.cobth.org/reports.html>

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About COBTH: The Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals exists to maximize the Boston area teaching hospitals' visibility on the issues that are fundamental to their unique missions of teaching and research. COBTH educates opinion leaders at all levels about the contributions of its members to the area's health and economy. Members include Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston Medical Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Cambridge Health Alliance, Carney Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Faulkner Hospital, Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Massachusetts General Hospital, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Tufts Medical Center, VA Boston Healthcare System.