



Professional Education

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To Whom It May Concern,

Joslin Diabetes Center agrees that there is a need for a generally accepted standard of care for overweight or obese patients, and a certification pathway that leads to designation of a health professional as a "Certified Obesity Educator" or C.O.E.

Joslin Diabetes Center supports The Certification Board for Obesity Educators Inc., a 501c(3) corporation, in its efforts to develop a certification pathway which includes examination of candidate knowledge. Joslin would be well situated to develop educational material in support of the credential, and provide oversight to ensure associated educational materials are planned and produced in accordance with the *Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Essentials*.

Joslin Diabetes Center was awarded a six-year reaccreditation and the status of "Accreditation with Commendation" by the ACCME, the highest rating achievable by a provider of CME. Joslin was recognized for its exemplary performance in program planning, needs assessment, activity evaluation and evaluation of our overall educational program. Factors that contributed to this success are our consistently fair-balanced, evidence-based educational activities and our innovative educational outcomes measurement techniques.

Sincerely,

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