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### State Physician Group Awarded Technology Grant

Atlanta - The Medical Association of Georgia Institute for Excellence in Medicine, Inc. (MAG Institute) has been awarded a major grant from the Physicians' Foundation for Health Systems Excellence to support the **MAG E-Technology Academy**, a multi-faceted program to support and promote the use of electronic technology in physician offices. The two-year grant that will launch the initiative includes an array of educational programs, an outcome-based project, a demonstration, and a series of applied activities. The grant is one of 26 awarded from more than 400 proposals submitted to the Physicians' Foundation.

The new era of electronic medical records holds the promise of reducing health care costs and enhancing patient care. "This grant provides an ideal opportunity to help Georgia physicians transition into the world of electronic medical records," explains Walker L. Ray, M.D., President of the MAG Institute and a private practicing physician. "Physicians are looking for information and assistance to successfully make this move."

The MAG Institute is a subsidiary of the Medical Association of Georgia, with a mission to improve patient safety and achieve improvements in clinical outcomes for the patients of Georgia physicians. The MAG Institute provides educational activities in addition to conducting pilot projects that promote quality of care.

The Physicians' Foundation for Health Systems Excellence was established as the result of a settlement of a class action lawsuit brought by the Medical Association of Georgia and other medical societies against Aetna, Inc. alleging improper payment practices. The Physicians' Foundation is dedicated to promoting high quality health care and gives particular emphasis to initiatives that assist physicians to improve and enhance the quality of care received by patients.

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