Dr. White Named Director of Albany Med’s Alden March Bioethics Institute

ALBANY, N.Y., February 10, 2010— Bruce D. White, D.O., J.D., has been named director of the Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical College. Dr. White also holds the John A. Balint, M.D., Chair of Medical Ethics and is a professor of pediatrics at the medical school. He comes to Albany from Phoenix where he served as chairman of the department of pediatrics at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center and directed the clinical ethics fellowship. Dr. White held appointments as a clinical professor of pediatrics and clinical professor of pharmacy practice and science in the University of Arizona Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy and clinical professor of pediatrics at Creighton University School of Medicine.

Dr. White is a board-certified pediatrician, a pharmacist, and an attorney with fellowship training in clinical medical ethics. He combines the knowledge he has gained in all three fields to tackle the ethical questions and issues inherent in modern medicine and health care policy and delivery.

A frequent speaker on bioethical issues especially as they relate to medication, Dr. White is the author of the 2007 book, Drugs, Ethics, and Quality of Life: Cases and Materials on Ethical, Legal, and Public Policy Dilemmas in Medicine and Pharmacy Practice and he has contributed to several journals and publications.

A native of Tennessee, Dr. White received his pharmacy and law degrees from the University of Tennessee in Memphis and Knoxville. He graduated from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at North Texas State University and completed his pediatrics residency at the University of Louisville Kosair Children's Hospital. He completed a fellowship in clinical medical ethics at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Also, he is a graduate of Albany Medical College's Master of Science in Bioethics program.

Dr. White and his wife Sarah live in Saratoga Springs. They have three grown daughters.

The Alden March Bioethics Institute—previously called the Center for Medical Ethics, Education and Research—at Albany Medical College was founded in 1993 by John Balint, M.D., to provide medical ethics education, develop an ethics consultation service, and promote high quality, useful research and scholarly works on important ethical issues. The Center's programs include required coursework in medical ethics for Albany Medical College students, an on-site and on-line master’s program in bioethics, and a Scholar’s Program in Bioethics for medical students. AMBI operates a full-time ethics consultation service at Albany Medical Center Hospital for physicians, nurses and other patient caregivers, patients and their families. More information about AMBI is available at www.amc.edu/bioethics.

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Albany Medical Center Foundation, Inc. Additional information about Albany Medical Center can be found at www.amc.edu.