Faculty of 1000 and DynaMed™ Partner to Identify Practice-Changing Medical Research—Making Evidence-Based Medicine Actionable

~Faculty of 1000 (F1000) and DynaMed™ Partner; Expanding DynaMed Community to More Than 4,000 Clinical Experts and Rapidly Identifying Practice-Changing Articles~

IPSWICH, MA—November 9, 2011—DynaMed™ and Faculty of 1000 (F1000), have partnered to better serve the needs of medical professionals looking for rapid access to the best available medical evidence. The partnership expands the DynaMed community to more than 4,000 medical experts adding to the already extensive coverage of specialties in the point-of-care clinical reference tool. The partnership also leverages the expertise of DynaMed and F1000 in assessing the latest medical evidence to highlight research that changes the practice of medicine.

F1000 is an online service that identifies important articles based on the opinions of global leaders in biology and medicine who make up the F1000 Faculty—an international network of 10,000 experts of which over 2,200 are practicing clinicians. These researchers and clinicians select and evaluate the best articles in their chosen specialties, emphasizing the key findings and placing the work in context; essentially providing post-publication peer-review. More than 110,000 article evaluations across medicine and biology from more than 3,500 peer-reviewed journals have been published by F1000 to date.

In addition to writing evaluations of important articles, Faculty Members also assign classifications, where relevant, that further identify key features of the articles selected. Articles classified as “Changes Clinical Practice” identify research papers that have the immediate potential to change the practice of medicine. F1000’s ability to immediately assess and update a clinical topic with the best available evidence complements DynaMed, which is updated daily and used around the world by clinicians and other healthcare providers to access the latest evidence-based information.

DynaMed Editor-in-Chief, Brian S. Alper, MD, MPH, says combining a clinical point-of-care reference such as DynaMed with F1000’s world renowned Faculty Members and comprehensive 

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article reviewing system, brings better information to clinicians faster. “Incorporating the contribution of F1000 to the DynaMed community, with their ability to rapidly respond to changes in evidence, creates a powerful clinical alerting service providing DynaMed subscribers with the latest clinical evidence and the ability to make better clinical decisions.” Dr Alper says the ability to immediately impact patient care and provide actionable information to clinicians furthers the mission of both DynaMed and F1000—quantifying the importance of current medical research and putting it into practice.

In August, DynaMed introduced the identification of “practice-changing DynaMed updates” and developed a process with McMaster University's Health Information Research Unit in which more than 1,000 practicing physicians from 61 disciplines in 77 countries identify the most important evidence changing practice. The new practice-changing updates filter from DynaMed allows users to display only those topics that include updates most likely to change clinical practice. F1000 will expand the community of practicing clinicians by thousands and enhance the identification Practice-Changing DynaMed Updates with even greater global input. This is especially important for meeting the needs of clinicians across all levels of clinical care, all types of clinical settings, and geographic regions with variations in available resources.

About Faculty of 1000
Faculty of 1000 is a unique online service that selects and evaluates important articles based on the opinions of global leaders in biology and medicine. The distinguished international Faculty identify key articles across these fields, providing a rapidly updated, authoritative guide to the life science literature that matters. Find out more at http://f1000.com.

About DynaMed
DynaMed is a clinical reference tool created by physicians for physicians and other healthcare professionals for use primarily at the 'point-of-care' with clinically-organized summaries for more than 3,200 topics. DynaMed is updated daily and monitors the content of over 500 medical journals as well as numerous sources for guidelines, systematic reviews and alerts affecting medical practice. Through a process of systematic literature surveillance, the best available evidence determines the content of DynaMed.

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