Joint Commission Resources Appoints Inaugural Editor-in-Chief of The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety

(OAK BROOK, Illinois, October 19, 2015) – Joint Commission Resources, Inc. (JCR), a nonprofit affiliate of The Joint Commission, today announced the appointment of David W. Baker, MD, MPH, FACP, as the inaugural editor-in-chief of The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety (JQPS). Dr. Baker is executive vice president for the Division of Healthcare Quality Evaluation at The Joint Commission. In this senior leadership position, Dr. Baker oversees the development of The Joint Commission’s health care quality evaluation tools, including standards, survey methods and performance measures. He also oversees The Joint Commission’s Department of Health Services Research.

“We are honored Dr. Baker is joining the Journal in this new role. As editor-in-chief, he will help shape the editorial direction of the publication to provide health care professionals with the latest innovative articles focused on the improvement of quality and patient safety at health care organizations around the world,” said Paula Wilson, president and CEO, JCR.

Dr. Baker is internationally known for his research in health literacy, racial and ethnic disparities, the impact of language barriers, differences in health outcomes for the uninsured, and the use of electronic health records for quality measurement and improvement. He has published more than 200 original research articles and book chapters and has won numerous awards, including the 2013 American College of Physicians’ Alvan R. Feinstein Memorial Award for research in clinical epidemiology.
Prior to joining The Joint Commission in February 2015, Dr. Baker was chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine and deputy director of the Institute for Public Health and Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago. Dr. Baker also previously served on the editorial boards for Congestive Heart Failure (2000-2006) and the Journal of Cardiac Failure (2001-2009), and as deputy editor for Medical Care (2005-2007). From 2011-2015, he served as chair of the American College of Physicians’ Performance Measurement Committee and as its representative to the National Quality Forum’s Measures Application Partnership Coordinating Committee.

Dr. Baker received his MD from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine and his MPH from the UCLA School of Public Health. He completed his research training in health services research at the UCLA Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars’ Program and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

“I look forward to serving as editor-in-chief of the Journal and working closely with the editorial team. The Journal has an outstanding reputation for publishing rigorous, real-world studies of strategies to improve quality and patient safety. As editor-in-chief, I hope to build upon this foundation and develop new ways to deliver advanced thinking, strategies and leading practices to the health care industry,” said Dr. Baker.

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In addition to feature articles—full-length descriptions of quality and safety programs, methods, or strategies, including the rationale, planning, implementation, evaluation, and lessons learned, the Journal also offers shorter articles in departments such as Interviews, Field Notes, Tool Tutorials, Rapid Response Systems, and Case Studies in Brief.