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RE: Institutional Accreditation: Self-Study for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education

This website is designed to share information with the Mount Sinai School of Medicine ("MSSM") community relating to our efforts to obtain institutional accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education ("Middle States").

Middle States is the accrediting agency for colleges and universities in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States. MSSM is currently accredited by Middle States through New York University (NYU).

In 2007, Mount Sinai's Board of Trustees approved both the termination of the clinical relationship of The Mount Sinai Hospital and the NYU Hospitals Center, and the dissolution of the academic affiliation between MSSM and NYU; the Board resolved to establish MSSM as an independent degree-granting institution. MSSM must obtain its own institutional accreditation from Middle States in order to disaffiliate from NYU and become a free-standing school.

Since 2007 – with participation by many MSSM faculty, students, administrators and trustees – MSSM has provided Middle States with voluminous information about our school, and as a result we succeeded in earning the designation of Candidate for Accreditation from Middle States. As a Candidate institution, we are now in the final phase of the accreditation application process and recently submitted a Self-Study Report to Middle States. We will host a multi-day visit by a Middle States evaluation team in July, and we anticipate that Middle States will vote on MSSM’s independent accreditation in November, 2010.

We invite input from all readers of this website about the materials that are posted here.