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**Altru's James Brosseau, MD, Only North Dakota Physician to be honored as a 2016  
Master of the American College of Physicians**

**Grand Forks, N.D.** – Dr. James Brosseau has been selected as one of 54 U.S. physicians to receive Mastership recognition from the American College of Physicians for 2015-2016. ACP is a national organization of board-certified internists that follows a rigorous national standard when naming physicians to a Mastership level. Masters must be highly accomplished individuals and demonstrate high achievement in medical practice, research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, or administrative positions. The Master must be distinguished by the excellence and significance of his or her contributions to the science and art of medicine.

The only other North Dakota physician to be elected to Mastership in the ACP was Dr. Mack Traynor of Fargo, who achieved this honor in 1999. One other North Dakotan, Dr. Robert McCartney of Grafton, was named a Master of the ACP while practicing in Colorado.

Dr. Brosseau is board certified in internal medicine. He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and earned his Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Health degrees from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and completed his medical residency at the Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin. Dr. Brosseau interned at the University of New Mexico, then served as a physician in the Indian Health Service for two years. He is originally from Drayton, North Dakota, and has been practicing medicine at Altru for nearly 40 years. Dr. Brosseau is the director of Altru's Diabetes Center, medical director of Valley Memorial Homes and served as Governor of the North Dakota Chapter of the ACP from 2006 - 2011. He and his wife Jolene have three grown children – Ben, Tom and Carrie.

"I am very humbled to receive this recognition," said Dr. Brosseau. "The American College of Physicians has been the leading organization for internal medicine physicians for over 100 years. Although I have been a Fellow in the ACP for over 30 years, I never expected to be elected to Mastership."

"It is an accomplishment for an individual to earn Mastership from the American College of Physicians, and Dr. Brosseau is very deserving of such a high honor," said Dr. Eric Lunn, President of Altru Health System. "This recognition is a testament to his skills and accomplishments as a physician at Altru, across the region and the state of North Dakota. He provides compassionate and thorough care to each patient he sees and we are proud to have him as part of our team at Altru."

**About The American College of Physicians**

The American College of Physicians is the largest medical specialty organization in the United States, and second only to the American Medical Association in total physician membership. ACP members include 133,000 internal medicine physicians (internists), related subspecialists and medical students. Internal medicine physicians are specialists who apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment and care for adults.

**About Altru Health System**

Altru Health System is a community-owned, integrated system with an acute care hospital, a specialty hospital, more than a dozen clinics in Grand Forks and the region, and a large home care network. It employs more than 200 physicians and 4,000 staff and has an annual net operating revenue of more than \$524 million. As the first member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, Altru's providers have access to clinically integrated tools extending Mayo Clinic's knowledge and expertise to patients.

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