

**RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERPROFESSIONALISM TO  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE INNOVATION AND IMPLEMENTATION  
SCIENCE IN THE VTCSOM**

**WHEREAS**, with the founding of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTCSOM) in 2008, the Department of Interprofessionalism was established as an academic department of the medical school; and

**WHEREAS**, the department has achieved national and international distinction in the areas of interprofessional health education, scholarship, and service to the profession of physician education by providing required instruction to VTCSOM medical students concerning interprofessional team care and related subjects; and

**WHEREAS**, the field of medical education is increasingly calling for medical schools to educate students on various aspects of the health systems in which they will eventually practice, including such topics as health care structures and processes, health systems finance and operations, population and public health, clinical informatics, health care policy, health disparities/inequities and health system improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the department is embarking upon a reframing and expansion of its content area to include providing education in health systems science that will build upon existing content and include the afore-mentioned new content areas as well as emphasis on “innovation” (finding new, more effective ways to deliver care and solve problems) and “implementation science” (the study of methods to ensure that research findings are effectively translated into clinical care processes); and

**WHEREAS**, the nomenclature chosen for the proposed name is consistent with the names of similar departments at US medical schools that are engaged in health systems science education; and

**WHEREAS**, the nomenclature chosen for the proposed name reflects a broader educational mission but does not result in an overall increase in the total number of hours in the current VTCSOM medical school curriculum or any change in the requirements to earn the medical degree;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the name of the Department of Interprofessionalism at the VTCSOM be changed to the Department of Health Care Innovation and Implementation Science and name change be effective upon the approval of the proposal by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Visitors approve the resolution to change the name of the department in the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

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