# Medical Degree Programs and Distributive Models for Idaho

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## Accrediting a Medical Degree Program

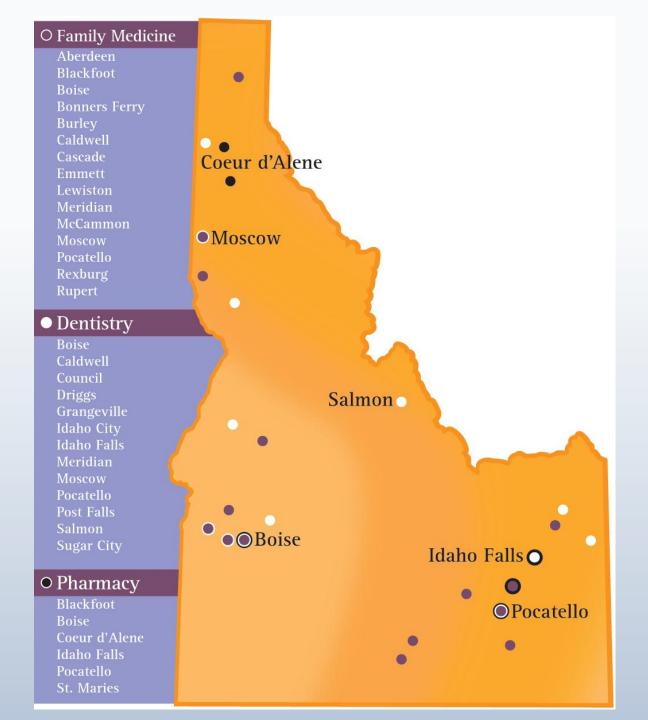
- Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accredits medical degree programs in the U.S. and Canada
- Accredits only complete medical programs and not tracks
- Program is responsible for students from start to completion of MD degree
- Accreditation is not based on research funding, but on quality of the program

#### **Health Science Centers**

- Administrative unit composed of colleges and schools within existing university
- For example, existing ISU components similar to makeup of University of Utah's Health Sciences Center
  - RDEP and IDEP; dental agreements with Creighton University
  - Physician Assistant programs
  - College of Pharmacy and School of Pharmacy
  - School of Nursing
- Affiliation agreements with hospitals and community centers

### **Distributive Model**

- First Two Years: Didactics (classroom curriculum)
- Second Two Years: Clerkships (clinical rotations)
- Anchor Locations near tertiary care centers:
  - Eastern Idaho
  - Magic Valley
  - Northern Idaho
  - Treasure Valley



#### Considerations

- Distribution would be statewide
- Each class could admit 50-60 students annually
- Freshmen could begin as early as 2011
- Buying seats represents four-year commitments made each year (to support entering student through program completion)
- Transition involving existing contractual obligations would need to be managed
- Full accreditation would require four complete years