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DR. LAWRENCE RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR QUALITY DIABETES CARE

Diabetes Recognition Program measures performance in key areas of diabetes care

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) today announced that Jennifer E. Lawrence, MD, Medical Director of SGMC’s Diabetes Management Center, Valdosta, GA has received Recognition from the Diabetes Recognition Program for providing quality care to her patients with diabetes.

The Diabetes Recognition Program was designed to improve the quality of care that patients with diabetes receive by recognizing clinicians who deliver quality diabetes care, and by motivating other clinicians to document and improve their delivery of diabetes care. To receive recognition, which is valid for three years, Dr. Lawrence submitted data that demonstrates performance that meets the Program’s key diabetes care measures. These measures include eye exams, blood pressure tests, nutrition therapy and patient satisfaction, among others. When people with diabetes receive quality care as outlined by these measures, they are less likely to suffer complications such as heart attacks, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputations.

“NCQA’s Diabetes Recognition Program honors professionals using the best science to help patients cope with one of modern life’s most pervasive illnesses,” said NCQA President Margaret E. O’Kane. “I commend South Georgia Medical Center’s Diabetes Management Center and Dr. Lawrence for providing high quality care and for going the extra mile to help people with diabetes.”

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body’s ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. An estimated 16 million Americans have diabetes; it is the sixth-leading cause of death by disease in the U.S. and it has no cure.

To find out if your clinician has been recognized by the Diabetes Recognition Program or for further information, please visit www.ncqa.org/drp or email drp@ncqa.org. To order application materials, call (888) 275-7585 or order online at web.ncqa.org/dprppubs.aspx.

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