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Marshfield Clinic physicians receive national recognition for diabetes care

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the American Diabetes Association (ADA) recently announced that the following physicians from Marshfield Clinic Wisconsin Rapids Center have received Recognition from the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program for providing quality care to patients with diabetes:

* Khadijah Ahmad, M.D.
* Joseph Arias, M.D.

There are also several other physicians from Marshfield Clinic that were recognized for their diabetes care. To view the entire list of providers, visit www.ncqa.org/dprp.

The Diabetes Physician Recognition Program was designed to improve the quality of care that patients with diabetes receive by recognizing physicians who deliver quality diabetes care, and by motivating other physicians to document and improve their delivery of diabetes care. To receive recognition, which is valid for 3 years, the health care providers named above from Marshfield Clinic Wisconsin Rapids Center 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.

"For a person with diabetes, the right physician can make the difference between living with diabetes as opposed to suffering from diabetes," said R. Paul Robertson, M.D., president, Medicine & Science, American Diabetes Association. "Physicians who earn recognition through the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program have an established track record of providing excellent diabetes care. The list of recognized doctors is the first place to look if you or a loved one has been diagnosed with diabetes."