

Slocum-Dickson Medical Group Receives National Recognition for Providing Quality Diabetes Care

Diabetes Physician Recognition Program measures performance in key areas of diabetes care

New Hartford, NY - The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the American Diabetes Association (ADA) today announced that the physicians at Slocum-Dickson Medical Group PLLC have once again received Recognition from the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program for providing quality care to their patients with diabetes. The group also assisted in establishing national benchmarks for the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program.

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 three years, Slocum-Dickson's physicians 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 John Buse, MD, 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.”

To find out if your physician has been recognized by the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program or for further information, please visit www.ncqa.org/dprp or call (202) 955-1721.

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.

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organization and recognizes physicians in key clinical areas. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA is committed to providing health care quality information through the Web, media and data licensing agreements in order to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. Founded in 1940, the Association has offices in every region of the country, providing services to more than 800 communities.

About Slocum-Dickson Medical Group

The group began with three physicians, Dr. Charles Dickson, Dr. William Dickson and Dr. Millard Slocum, who formed a practice and rented quarters at 258 Genesee Street, Utica, NY. By consolidating their practices, the physicians were able to realize benefits of a physician owned multi-specialty group practice to improve the quality of medical care received by their patients. Today, the group employs over 75 physicians and 500 staff members. As the group continues to expand, the focus is still on patient centered, physician directed, quality care. More information on the services available at Slocum-Dickson can be found at www.sdmg.com.