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Catholic Medical Partners Brings Accountability In Health Care Into Focus
New video highlights clinical teams, care coordination, patient engagement

BUFFALO, NY – Accountable care is a growing movement in health care, one that is generating a great deal of discussion at the national level. While providers across the country are trying to understand exactly how accountability translates to the delivery of care, a physician network in Buffalo is highlighting accountability in action.

Catholic Medical Partners, a network of more than 900 independent physicians from throughout Western New York, recently unveiled a video that captures the principles of accountability in every day health care-related scenarios. The video features four vignettes that highlight the coordination of care between primary care physicians and specialists, clinical teams working together to help patients with chronic conditions, and managing the transition of patient care across health care settings.

“The term accountability is used often in business and government contexts, but in the realm of health care, accountability is a fairly new term and can be difficult to put your finger on,” said Dennis R. Horrigan, President and CEO, Catholic Medical Partners. “It was important for our members to see and understand how the principles of accountability are involved – and should be involved – in their daily interactions with their patients and with other physicians.”

Catholic Medical Partners has been a leader in health care improvement in Western New York. The organization has worked with its members on clinical integration programs and innovations such as the use of technology, team-based care, and office-based care coordination and disease management programs. To date, more than 80 percent of Catholic Medical Partners’ affiliated practices have adopted certified Electronic Health Record technology, well above the national average of 57 percent. The organization has also assisted 89 eligible physicians achieve Meaningful Use standards as detailed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Meanwhile, 29 practices affiliated with Catholic Medical Partners have achieved Level 3 recognition under the Physician Practice Connections[®] - Patient Centered Medical Home[™] program, a national program administered by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. Catholic Medical Partners has also received Patient Oriented Accreditation from NCQA for its Cardiovascular Disease, Congestive Heart Failure and Diabetes Disease Management Programs.

Catholic Medical Partners focuses its work on achieving the Triple Aim goals of improving population health, improving the patient experience and reducing the cost trend in health care. According to Horrigan, accountability is the path to achieving those goals. In fact, Catholic Medical Partners has dubbed 2012 “The Era of Accountability.”

“If we are going to truly improve the way health care works, we need to continue to strengthen our actions and interactions across the continuum of care,” he said. “This is a team effort and we need to have everyone – physicians, facilities, patients and insurance providers – working together, because on a team, everyone is accountable.”

To view the Catholic Medical Partners video, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAlolQJNhH8> or visit the Catholic Medical Partners website www.CatholicMedicalPartners.org.

A network of more than 900 physicians, Catholic Health and Mount St. Mary’s Hospital, Catholic Medical Partners is the largest group of independent practicing physicians in Western New York. Through the development and implementation of clinical integration programs, the organization and its members are focused on improving the efficiency, safety and quality in delivering medical care based on coordination, an educated and involved patient population and the sharing of information and resources that will make a difference in patients’ lives. For information, visit www.CatholicMedicalPartners.org.