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Local Practices Earn Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition
30 Catholic Medical Partners practices have achieved highest level

BUFFALO, NY – Catholic Medical Partners, a network of more than 900 independent practicing physicians in Erie and Niagara Counties, announced that six of its affiliated medical practices recently achieved the highest level of recognition under the national Physician Practice Connections® - Patient Centered Medical Home™ program.

Earning the recognition most recently were: Allentown Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine; Cleveland Hill Medical Group; Dr. Steven P. Herman, MD; Lancaster Medical; Northtowns Medical Group; and Dr. John P. Ward, DO. In all, 30 practices affiliated with Catholic Medical Partners have achieved Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home recognition, the highest recognition possible, since 2010.

Administered by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality, the Patient Centered Medical Home program recognizes medical practices that use systematic processes and information technology to enhance the quality of patient care. The program's standards emphasize the use of systematic, patient-centered, coordinated care that supports access, communication and patient involvement.

In order to achieve NCQA recognition as a Patient Centered Medical Home, practices must meet a set of nine standards, including ten must-pass elements, and complete a web-based data collection tool while providing information that validates their responses. The process could result in one of three levels of NCQA recognition, with Level-3 being the highest.

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“Our work focuses on changing and improving the way health care is delivered through the use of clinical teams, technology, clinical integration and patient engagement, which come together under the Patient Centered Medical Home program” said Dr. Michael Edbauer, DO, Chief Medical Officer, Catholic Medical Partners. “Catholic Medical Partners and our members have taken the lead in implementing these important innovations in our Western New York community.”

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.