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WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL ASSOCIATES EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home™ standards emphasize enhanced care through patient-clinician partnership

Weill Cornell Medical Associates (WCMA) has just received NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patients' experience of care and reduce costs. Medical homes foster ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal clinicians, instead of approaching care as the sum of episodic office visits. Each patient's care is overseen by clinician-led care teams that coordinate treatment across the health care system.

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that WCMA has the tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

Recognition was achieved for WCMA's East Side, West Side, and Iris Cantor Health Center* sites at Level 3, which is the highest level of recognition. To earn recognition, which is valid for three years, WCMA demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home. NCQA standards aligned with the joint principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the *American College of Physicians*, the *American Academy of Family Physicians*, the *American Academy of Pediatrics* and the *American Osteopathic Association*.

About NCQA

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance.

For more information visit <http://www.ncqa.org/Consumers/ImprovingPrimaryCarePCMH.aspx>

*Although PCMH Recognition was not sought for our other newer sites, all WCMA sites follow the same standards of care.