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Associated Physicians Receives WCHQ Top Quality Honors

Recognized for high performance for colorectal cancer screening rate

MADISON (June 5, 2019) ----- The Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality (WCHQ) recognized Associated Physicians as a top performer at WCHQ's annual Statewide Quality Improvement Event June 5 in Madison. Jennifer Everton, DO, director of quality, and Sherry Schneider, RN, accepted the award on behalf of Associated Physicians, which was presented by Gabrielle Rude, Ph.D., WCHQ director of practice transformation.

WCHQ annually honors a select number of member organizations for superior clinical performance and patient outcomes.

Associated Physicians ranked first among WCHQ members on their scores related to screening patients for colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer almost always develops from precancerous polyps, which are abnormal growths in the colon. Screening tests can find these polyps so they can be removed before they turn into cancer.

"Associated Physicians is doing an outstanding job of screening their patients for one of the most preventable cancers. It takes perseverance and hard work to hard wire processes in place to ensure patients are screened," according to WCHQ President/CEO Chris Queram. "Associated Physicians is not only able to improve the quality of care they provide their patients, but by working with WCHQ and collaborating with other medical professionals across the state, they are improving the quality of care in Wisconsin."

Queram noted that Wisconsin has one of the highest colorectal cancer screening rates in the country.

WCHQ is dedicated to helping health care professionals improve the quality and affordability of health care through collaboration, sharing best practices, and publicly reporting information that health care organizations can use to benchmark and compare their performance. WCHQ's membership includes Wisconsin's integrated health systems, hospitals, medical clinics and independent physician groups. Visit WCHQ.org for more information.

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