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## **Providence Medical Group practices awarded recognition as Patient Centered Medical Homes**

Dayton, Ohio — The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) announced that nine more Providence Medical Group primary care practices have met the highest standards of quality patient care to earn recognition as Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Homes. The practices are:

- Beaver Creek Commons Family Practice — David Apple, DO; Robert Gardner, DO; John Sefton, DO
- Cornerstone Family Practice — Mark Jeffries, DO
- Farmersville Medical Center — Lawrence Ratcliff, DO
- Germantown Medical Associates — Bernard Berks, DO
- Lugo Family Practice — Anthony Lugo, MD
- Medway Medical Center — Edward Hubach, DO
- Suburban Family Practice — Joni Koren, DO
- Sugarcreek Family Medicine — James Foster, MD; Lisa Heinemeyer, MD; Michelle Russell, DO
- Waynesville Health Care — Paul Opsahl, MD

The NCQA awards Patient Centered Medical Home recognition to those practices that use evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and ongoing patient/provider relationships. Each patient's care is addressed by a clinician-led care team, which provides for all the patient's health care needs, and coordinates treatment across the health care system. Level 3 signifies the highest standards of qualification.

More than 24,000 people throughout greater Dayton are patients of Providence's recognized Medical Home practices. According to Susan Becker, COO of Providence Medical Group, "Every patient of a Medical Home practice benefits from providers who know that patient, and that patient's health history.

Continuity of care, partnership with the patient, and the latest practice technologies all lead to better long-term health and wellness. And for our community in general, it's a foundation for higher-quality, more cost-efficient care.”

Providence Medical Group is pioneering the Patient Centered Medical Home care model in the greater Dayton area. According to available Ohio Department of Health data, ten Providence primary care practices are among a total of twelve practices within Montgomery, Greene, Preble and Miami counties recognized as Patient Centered Medical Homes. On February 7, 2012, Suburban Family Practice—Barbara Bennett, DO, was the first Providence provider to earn Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition according to NCQA standards.

Eleven more Providence Medical Group primary care practices are in the final stages of earning NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition.

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Providence Medical Group is the largest medical practice group in greater Dayton solely owned and operated by the member physicians, and is part of Providence Health Partners, LLC. Currently, Providence maintains twenty-two primary care practices, as well as specialty practices in obstetrics and gynecology, general surgery, pediatrics, and urogynecology. The Providence Diabetes Center, Providence After Hours Care, The Providence Health Partners Clinical Research Center, The Providence Medical Laboratory and Enduring Youth Skin & Laser Center are also parts of Providence Health Partners. For more information, go to [www.provmedgroup.com](http://www.provmedgroup.com), or contact Beth Patak at Providence Medical Group, phone (937) 297-8999; email [bpatak@provmedgroup.com](mailto:bpatak@provmedgroup.com).

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