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Seven Esse Health Physicians Achieve Recognition by National Committee for Quality Assurance, American Diabetes Association

ST. LOUIS – According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 23 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes; providing these patients high-quality health care is crucial. Esse Health is proud to announce that seven of its physicians, including Dr. James Ebel, Dr. Michael Fedak, Dr. Brett Foersterling, Dr. Todd Hammond, Dr. Sean McLaughlin, Dr. Elizabeth Tracy and Dr. Ronald Wepprich, have been awarded Recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance and the American Diabetes Association in the Diabetes Recognition Program (for bios and photos, visit http://www.essehealth.com/our_providers.php).

“Clinicians who earn recognition through the Recognition Program have an established track record of providing excellent diabetes care,” said John Buse, M.D., PhD, President, Medicine & Science, American Diabetes Association. “The list of recognized clinicians is the first place to look if you or your loved one has been diagnosed with diabetes.”

NCQA, in partnership with the American Diabetes Association, developed the Diabetes Recognition Program to recognize clinicians who have met standards demonstrating delivery of high-quality care to patients with diabetes. Over the past year, 16 Esse Health physicians have been awarded Recognition by the NCQA and the ADA. Esse Health recently launched a free “Taking Care of Diabetes” Program at its various locations.

About Esse Health:

Esse Health is a St. Louis-based physician group that strives to improve the overall well-being of its patients through patient education, lifestyle modification and prevention. With 28 locations throughout the St. Louis and Metro East area, Esse Health’s services include asthma, allergy and immunology, family medicine, internal medicine, nutrition, pediatrics and radiology, Esse is recognized as a leader in using technology in health care and physician accountability for both quality and cost-of-care. For more information on Esse Health, visit www.essehealth.com.