## THREE ESSE PHYSICIANS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

The following physicians have achieved recognition through NCQA's (National Committee for Quality Assurance) Diabetes Physician Recognition Program (see links below).



**Dr. David Shaw** (North County Internal Medicine) http://recognition.ncqa.org/PDetails.aspx?ProviderId=4966679



**Dr. Jennifer Sewing** (Southside Family Practice) http://recognition.ncqa.org/PDetails.aspx?ProviderId=4966802



**Dr. Thomas Hastings** (The Offices of Thomas F. Hastings, MD) <u>http://recognition.ncqa.org/PDetails.aspx?ProviderId=4966311</u>

Congratulations are in order for all three physicians. They have completed the requirements for this recognition for excellence in care for patients with diabetes. This requires meeting a variety of criteria that have been shown to improve the health of those with diabetes. This includes not only control of hemoglobin A1c and blood sugars, but also control of blood pressure, cholesterol, as well as appropriate examinations for eyes, feet and kidneys. Their patients are healthier because of these efforts.

There are now four physicians in Esse Health to have received this recognition.

Excellence is one of our core values. Improvement of care for diabetes is one of our strategic plans. The diabetes planning committee hopes to have all physicians qualify for this award by the end of 2009.