

## Fourteen Medical Edge Healthcare Group Doctors Receive Bridges to Excellence Recognition

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Dallas, TX – March 10, 2010 -- MedicalEdge Healthcare Group, P.A. has announced that seven MedicalEdge physicians in the Cardiac Care Link increased their Bridges to Excellence (BTE) recognition to the coveted Level 3 stage. This level is based on patient-centered assessment, and indicates a physician that is among the top 10% of performers nationwide in managing these chronic conditions. Level 3 recognition requires physicians to demonstrate that they are using advanced processes and, based on BTE standards, are delivering “all the right care” to patients. Additionally, seven more MedicalEdge doctors have qualified to receive first-time (BTE) recognition. Five of these were recognized in the Diabetes Care Link program, while two received their initial recognition in the Cardiac Care Link.

Reaching Level 3 recognition in the Cardiac Care Link, and being ranked among the top 10% of physicians nationwide in managing chronic cardiac conditions, were MedicalEdge physicians, Dr. Troy Anderson, Dr. Eric Futscher, Dr. Sandip Mehta, Dr. Carlos Mijares, Dr. Luke Ouyang, Dr. Christopher Regan and Dr. John Wills.

MedicalEdge doctors receiving first-time BTE recognition in the area of Cardiac Care are Dr. Randall Perkins and Dr. Elmer Smith. Receiving their initial BTE recognition in the Diabetes Care Link are Dr. Shehetaj Abdurrahim, Dr. Troy Anderson, Dr. Carlos Mijares, Dr. Que Thu Pravong and Dr. David Walters.

Dr. Clay Heighten, M.D. President of MedicalEdge Healthcare Group, P.A. was enthusiastic with regard to this latest achievement, noting that, “More than 30 MedicalEdge physicians achieved BTE status in 2009, and we are extremely proud that our doctors are being recognized for their high level of patient care. With the advanced system of Electronic Health Records (EHR) that MedicalEdge has instituted, combined with the excellence of MedicalEdge personnel, we feel strongly that more and more of our physicians will be acknowledged for their treatment practices and outcomes in the coming year.”

BTE recognition is awarded to physicians in specific care areas who have demonstrated quality management of patients with chronic diseases, and who have attained patient outcomes in the top ranks of national standards. Thirteen of the fourteen doctors in the MedicalEdge group achieved their BTE recognition using the Allscripts Professional Electronic Health Records (EHR). This is significant in that it allows doctors to achieve BTE goals and standards with no additional paperwork. With EHR, blinded patient outcomes are securely submitted electronically and evaluated based on BTE national program standards.

Bridges to Excellence (BTE) is a national program that encourages physicians and physician practices to deliver safer, more effective and efficient care by working with employers and health plans to provide financial and other incentives to do so. Participation by physicians in BTE means that consumers can research the quality of a specific physician or practice and find qualified physicians in an area.

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About MedicalEdge Healthcare Group, P.A.:

MedicalEdge Healthcare Group, P.A. is a physician group employing over 450 providers in more than 26 medical specialties in Texas. The group has been built on assisting its physicians in dealing with the myriad issues that confront healthcare physicians in today’s healthcare environment. MedicalEdge strives to relieve its physicians from the burden of dealing with day-to-day business operational issues and enabling them to do what they do best – practice medicine.

About Bridges to Excellence:

Bridges to Excellence (BTE) is a non-profit coalition-based organization created to encourage significant leaps in the quality of care by recognizing and rewarding health care providers who demonstrate that they deliver safe, timely, effective, and patient-centered care. BTE works with large employers, health plans, providers and a wide range of organizations that have a shared goal of improving quality and patient outcomes. [www.bridgestoexcellence.org](http://www.bridgestoexcellence.org)

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