

## 37 MedicalEdge Healthcare Group Doctors Recognized by Bridges to Excellence

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Dallas, TX – April 15, 2010 -- MedicalEdge Healthcare Group, P.A. has announced that thirteen additional MedicalEdge Healthcare physicians have received first time recognition in the Bridges to Excellence program. This brings the total number of MedicalEdge doctors recognized by the prestigious national program to thirty-seven, with nine of those recognized in both the Cardiac Care Link and Diabetes Care Link.

Notably, five MedicalEdge physicians in the Cardiac Care Link either increased their Bridges to Excellence (BTE) recognition level or received initial recognition above Level 1. This includes two physicians, Dr. Patrick Conway and Dr. Shawn Parsley, who reached the coveted Level 3 stage. Level 3 recognition is based on patient-centered assessment, and indicates a physician that is among the top 10% of performers nationwide in managing these chronic conditions. This level of recognition requires physicians to demonstrate that they are using advanced processes and, based on BTE standards, are delivering “all the right care” to patients. In addition, three physicians, Dr. Alfred Hulse, Dr. Francis Singer and Dr. John Willis, received their initial BTE recognition at Level 2, denoting clinical and patient results significantly above average. In the Diabetes Care Link program, the BTE recognition level of Dr. Judith Erickson increased to Level 2 as well.

MedicalEdge doctors receiving first-time BTE recognition in the area of Cardiac Care are Dr. Godfrey Chithambo, Dr. Patrick Conway, Dr. Alfred Huse, Dr. Francis Singer, Dr. Suthee Thumasathit and Dr. John Willis.

Receiving initial BTE recognition in the Diabetes Care Link are Dr. Paul Anthony, Dr. Donald Fowler, Dr. Eric Futscher, Dr. Ansysa Kumar, Dr. Sandip Mehta, Dr. Paul Taylor and Dr. Jack Wright

Chief Medical and Strategy Officer of MedicalEdge Healthcare Group, PA, Dr. Scott Conard, M.D. praised the latest achievement of the MedicalEdge physicians, saying, “MedicalEdge doctors who have earned BTE recognition increased more than 50% with this announcement, and those at a Level 3 ranking, placing them among the top 10% of physicians in the country in treating these conditions, went up nearly 30%. This is a striking achievement which we hope will continue to build the recognition of MedicalEdge doctors as being not only among the finest in their communities, but among the finest anywhere.”

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. More than 80% of 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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