



# Quest Physician Update

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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to congratulate the first inaugural **Q Award Winners**, who were recognized as top clinic performers in their specialty for Affordable Medications, based on data from Quest's *2nd Quarter 2009 Generic Prescribing Report*.



**Top OB Performer - Pekin Family Practice SC**  
Angel Atkins (left) accepts the award.



**Top ENT Performer - Methodist Medical Group at Pekin**  
Dr. Christopher Von Hake (left) accepts the award.



**Top Pediatrics Performer: Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Physicians, Mattoon**  
Dr. Onkar Sharma (left) accepts the award.



**Top Cardiology Performer: Cardiac Surgery Associates, Urbana**  
Tammy Walsh (right) accepts the award.

(Please see page 2 for more winners.)



**Top Primary Care Performer: Carle Clinic on Mattis, Champaign**  
Drs. Karen Eisenmenger and Kevin Kirby (left) accept the award.



**Top Behavioral Health Performer: Behavioral Health Services, Mattoon**  
Dr. Elbert Lee (right) accepts the award.



**Top Orthopedic Performer: Graham Medical Group, Canton**  
Dr. Brett Barnhart (left) accepts the award.

The practices highlighted here have the highest generic prescribing rate across 7 counties in central Illinois. An overview of our 2nd quarter 2009 data is below:

**Methodology**

This measure includes all prescriptions for members with a Caterpillar, HCH, Health Alliance or PersonalCare of IL health plan and employees of Methodist Medical Group drug benefit filled between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009. The *Generic Prescribing Report* includes prescribers located in Champaign, Coles, Douglas, Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties. Generic drugs were defined by Medispan, a national drug database company ([www.medispan.com](http://www.medispan.com)) - at the time of claims processing.

**Regional Rate**

Total Prescriptions  
680,111  
Total Generic Drug Prescriptions  
485,890  
Regional Generic Drug Use Rate  
71.4%

We continue to work on increasing the region's generic prescribing rate to 80% by 2010. Our most recent report is available on our website at [www.qualityquest.org](http://www.qualityquest.org).

As physicians, we know patients find it easier to stay on medications they can afford. We also know patients have a higher adherence rate for taking medications when their prescriptions are cost-effective.

Thanks to our Q Award Winners for helping get better patient outcomes by making medications more affordable to their patients.

Respectfully,

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