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Quality Quest “Q Award” Winners for 2009

(Peoria, IL) -- Seven central Illinois medical clinics received Quality Quest for Health of Illinois' inaugural "Q Award" as the top performer in their specialty for generic prescribing. The selection is based on information from Quest's 2nd Quarter 2009 *Generic Prescribing Report*, available at www.qualityquest.org. The report tracks the generic prescribing rate at the clinic level across seven specialties in seven counties (Champaign, Coles, Douglas, Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford) in the region.

“Boosting generic prescribing means patients and families save money on medications. This is especially important during these difficult economic times. We want to recognize the clinics that are doing the best job of helping patients be able to afford their medicines,” says Dr. Gail Amundson, President and CEO at Quest. “Our Q Award winners are also helping get better patient outcomes because patients have a higher adherence rate for taking medications when their prescriptions are cost-effective.”

The clinics recognized in the region and the prescriber(s) associated with the clinic are:

Top ENT Performer – Methodist Medical Group at Pekin

Christopher Von Hake, DO

Top OB/GYN Performer – Pekin Family Practice, SC

Angel Atkins, Midwife

Top Orthopedic Performer – Graham Medical Group, Canton

Brett Barnhart, MD

Top Behavioral Health Performer – Behavioral Health Services, Mattoon

Elbert Lee, MD

Top Cardiology Performer – Cardiac Surgery Associates, Urbana

Ronald Cossman, MD

Frank Lutrin, MD

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Top Pediatrics Performer – Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Physicians, Mattoon

Onkar Sharma, MD

Top Primary Care Performer – Carle Clinic on Mattis, Champaign

Karen Eisenmenger, MD

Amy Jessup, Nurse Practitioner

Kevin Kirby, MD

John Sellett, MD

Susan Yim, MD

About Quality Quest for Health of Illinois

Quality Quest for Health of Illinois is a healthcare collaborative working together to transform healthcare in our state. We bring physicians, hospitals, health plans, employers, patients and families together to focus on creating healthier communities with better patient outcomes and improving the quality of care delivered. We collect data related to specific Quest projects and report performance information to the medical community and the public. The information helps providers compare their performance to peers and regional/national benchmarks and to improve patient care.

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