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Medical Director Attains Post-Acute Certification

EAU CLAIRE – After three years of interactive training sessions and over 100 hours of continuing medical education, Dr. Lawrence Sprecher has attained the distinction of Certified Medical Director (CMD) by the American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine (ABPLM). Dr. Sprecher is an Internal Medicine physician with Mayo Clinic Health System-Eau Claire and Medical Director for Dove Healthcare – South and West.

Dr. Sprecher commented, “Through this program I had the opportunity to focus on issues most pertinent to post-acute / long-term care medicine. The unique, collaborative discussion with other physicians about processes and procedures is invaluable.”

According to a study featured in the July 2009 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Directors Association, having a CMD contributes positively to a nursing home’s quality of care. Analysis of data showed a 15% improvement in quality scores.

Dove Healthcare-West Administrator Kendall Rosemeyer said, “We whole heartedly support the time and investment in the CMD program as it certifies Dr. Sprecher possesses the core skills and knowledge necessary for effective medical direction in our facilities.” Dove Healthcare-South Administrator Jake Steivang added, “Advanced training and education aligns with our goals for patient care, outcomes, and quality improvement.”

According to the ABPLM website, the CMD program recognizes the dual clinical and managerial roles of the Medical Director. The certification process is based on an experiential model, incorporating fellowship programs, board certification, continuing medical education, and CMD-approved and AMDA-sponsored courses.

Dove Healthcare – South and West specialize in rehabilitation after a surgery, injury, or illness. For more information, visit the website www.dovehealthcare.com.

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