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SIXTEEN KELSEY-SEYBOLD CLINIC LOCATIONS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

Physician Practice Connections®—Patient-Centered Medical Home™ standards emphasize enhanced care through patient-clinician partnership

WASHINGTON—The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) today announced that **16 Kelsey-Seybold Clinic** locations in the greater Houston area have received Recognition from the Physician Practice Connections—Patient-Centered Medical Home (PPC-PCMH) program for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term participative relationships.

The Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is a promising model of health care delivery that aims to improve the quality and efficiency of care. PPC-PCMH identifies practices that promote partnerships between individual patients and their personal clinicians, instead of treating patient care as the sum of several episodic office visits. Each patient's care is tended to by clinician-led care teams, who provide for all the patient's health care needs and coordinate treatments across the health care system. Medical home clinicians demonstrate the benchmarks of patient-centered care, including open scheduling, expanded hours and appropriate use of proven health information systems. Early evaluations of the PPC-PCMH have shown promising results in improving care quality and lowering costs by increasing access to more efficient, more coordinated care. By avoiding unnecessary hospitalizations and emergency room visits and using evidence-based treatment guidelines, these early results are producing savings for payers, purchasers and patients.

“The patient-centered medical home promises to improve health *and* health care,” said NCQA President Margaret E. O’Kane. “The active, ongoing relationship between a patient and a clinician in medical homes fosters an all-too-rare goal in care: staying healthy and preventing illness in the first place. PPC-PCMH Recognition shows that **Kelsey-Seybold Clinic** has tools, systems and resources to provide their patients with the right care at the right time.”

To receive recognition, which is valid for three years, **Kelsey-Seybold Clinic** demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements embodying characteristics of the medical home. The standards are aligned with the joint principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic met key program components in the following areas:

- Written standards for patient access and enhanced communications
- Appropriate use of charting tools to track patients and organize clinical information
- Responsive care management techniques with an emphasis on preventive care
- Adaptation to patient's cultural and linguistic needs

- Use of information technology for prescriptions and care management
- Use of evidence-based guidelines to treat chronic conditions
- Systematic tracking of referrals and test results
- Measurement and reporting of clinical and service performance

To find clinicians and their practices that have been recognized by the Physician Practice Connections—Patient-Centered Medical Home program please visit <http://recognition.ncqa.org>. For further information, contact NCQA Customer Support at (888) 275-7585.

ABOUT NCQA

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2010, NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA’s Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA is committed to providing health care quality information for consumers, purchasers, health care providers and researchers.

ABOUT KELSEY-SEYBOLD CLINIC

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic is Houston's premier community-based physician group, founded in 1949 by Dr. Mavis Kelsey in Houston's famous Texas Medical Center. More than 350 Kelsey-Seybold physicians practice at 20 locations in the greater Houston area. Medical services offered by Kelsey-Seybold include outpatient medical care in more than 50 medical specialties, outpatient surgery centers, nationally accredited Breast Diagnostic Centers and Cancer Centers, advanced radiology services, onsite and online Kelsey Pharmacy services and secure Internet connections so patients can communicate with their health care team. Kelsey-Seybold has proudly served the National Aeronautics and Space Administration since 1966 and today provides medical services onsite at the Johnson Space Center, the White Sands Test Facility in New Mexico, and in Moscow. For more information about Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, visit www.kelsey-seybold.com. To follow Kelsey-Seybold on Twitter, visit twitter.com/kelseyseybold. To follow Kelsey-Seybold on Facebook, visit www.facebook.com/KelseySeyboldClinic.

Kelsey-Seybold Medical Home Designated Clinics include:

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| ● Shadow Creek Ranch | ● Cypress |
| ● Clearlake Medical Center | ● Pasadena |
| ● Silverlake | ● West |
| ● The Shops at Houston Center | ● Katy |
| ● Clear Lake | ● Humble |
| ● Spring Medical Diagnostic Center | ● Ft. Bend Medical Diagnostic Center |
| ● The Vintage | ● Woodlands |
| ● Kingwood | ● Main Campus |