

January, February & March 2013

Port Huron Hospital Achieves Disease-Specific Certification in Advanced Inpatient Diabetes Care from The Joint Commission

On November 16, 2012 Port Huron Hospital received Disease-Specific Certification in Advanced Inpatient Diabetes Care from the Joint Commission. The Joint Commission is an accrediting organization that surveys over 19,000 hospitals across the nation and offers specialty certification programs. Port Huron Hospital is the third organization in Michigan and the 56th organization nationwide to have received this disease-specific certification.

This certification recognizes that Port Huron Hospital continuously provides safe, high-quality care, treatment, and services by identifying and implementing opportunities for improvement in processes and outcomes. To achieve this certification the organization must show that it meets all standards of care from the American Diabetes Association as well as standards from The Joint Commission regarding data collection, monitoring, and performance improvement.

What it means for patients is that Port Huron Hospital has consistent policies and procedures for caring for patients with diabetes that are evidence-based and are reviewed to identify opportunities for continuous improvement. There is an increased focus on diabetes education and monitoring of blood glucose values while in the hospital to improve clinical outcomes. Processes are in place so that patients identified with blood glucose values out of range are quickly addressed with a change in treatment to improve blood glucose control. Research shows that patients with good blood glucose control have shorter hospital stays, fewer complications, and are less likely to be readmitted.

As the Diabetes Care Coordinator, I am very excited about this achievement. It demonstrates the incredible effort by the hospital staff and Dr. Sushma Reddy, Medical Director for the Diabetes Program. This Advanced Inpatient Diabetes Certification also complements our outpatient Diabetes Education Program which has been accredited by the American Diabetes Association for over 20 years. With this certification it is clear that Port Huron Hospital is dedicated to providing excellent care for our patients with diabetes.

Adam Mollan, R.N.
Diabetes Care Coordinator

Screenings

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

(NO Registration Required)

High blood pressure is referred to as a "silent killer" because it has no symptoms, while damaging your arteries, heart, and other organs. Walk in for a free screening and to learn more about high blood pressure. **FREE**

- **Wednesdays, January 2, February 6, March 6; 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.; 55 Plus, 1320 Washington Ave., Port Huron**

FOOT SCREENING

(Registration Required)

Dr. Anthony Bianchi will be here to answer your questions on your foot problems. **FREE**

- **Friday, February 8; 9 a.m. to 12 Noon; 55 Plus, 1320 Washington Ave., Port Huron**

**Upcoming Support Group
Meeting Dates**

*All meetings are 6 - 7 p.m.
in the Wismer Third Floor Classroom
at Port Huron Hospital*

January 15: *How Do You Start the
New Year with Diabetes?*

February 19: *The "D" Word (Diabetes) and
Eight Other Terms the Diabetes
World Can Live Without*

March 19: *Fine-Tuning Your Carbs*

