

Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix recognized for diabetes care

First hospital in Arizona to earn Advanced Certification in Inpatient Diabetes Care

PHOENIX (Feb. 21, 2019) - Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Advanced Certification in Inpatient Diabetes Care. The certification reflects the quality of the hospital's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

"Receiving this certification highlights the outstanding care that our glycemic teams provide to our diabetes patients," said Dr. Sathya Jyothinagaram, executive director of the Institute of Diabetes and Endocrinology at Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix. "Being the first hospital in Arizona shows that we are committed to being at the forefront of medicine and will continue to provide premier healthcare to our community."

Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix participated in an on-site review which evaluated its compliance with disease-specific care standards and inpatient diabetes-specific requirements that are outlined by the American Diabetes Association. The review covered staff education requirements, written blood glucose monitoring protocols, plans for treatment of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, data collection of incidences of hypoglycemia, patient education on self-management of diabetes and identified a program champion or program champion team.

"Achieving an outstanding certification such as this requires a dedicated multi-disciplinary team, which we have here at Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix. The Joint Commission Certification is a testament to our nurses, physicians, pharmacists, dietitians, business analysts, and administration for placing a high priority on patient safety and quality care for our patients with diabetes," said Karen Seifert, clinical nurse specialist and diabetes program coordinator at Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix.

"We commend Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix for becoming a leader in inpatient diabetes care, potentially providing a higher standard of service for diabetic patients in its community," said Patrick Phelan, executive director, Hospital Business Development, The Joint Commission.

Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix is a large teaching hospital that has provided medical care to Arizona and the Southwest since 1911. It is part of Banner - University Medicine, a premier academic medical network. The hospital, recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the nation's best hospitals, specializes in heart care, cancer care, high-risk obstetrics, neurosciences and stroke care, organ transplants and Emergency care, including a Level 1 trauma center. Banner - University Medical Center Phoenix is part of Banner Health, a nonprofit health care system with 28 hospitals in six states. The institution, which has trained thousands of doctors over decades as a teaching hospital, is the academic medical center for the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix. For more information, visit www.bannerhealth.com/UniversityPhoenix.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

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