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The Baton Rouge Clinic Honored for Achievements in Diabetes Care
AMGA's 2018 Together 2 Goal® Awards Recognize Top Performers in National Diabetes Initiative

Baton Rouge, LA – Yesterday, **The Baton Rouge Clinic, AMC** received an award for **Together 2 Goal®** for its achievements in diabetes care. AMGA honored seven organizations with 2018 Together 2 Goal® Awards, recognizing the top performers in AMGA Foundation's Together 2 Goal® campaign, a national initiative uniting 150 medical groups and health systems in an effort to improve care for 1 million people with Type 2 diabetes by 2019.

As a part of the campaign, **The Baton Rouge Clinic, AMC** implemented best practices to improve the quality of diabetes care and reported results for diabetes patients on a variety of measures, including blood sugar control, blood pressure control, lipid management, and testing for kidney disease.

"We are glad to accept this award on behalf of the nurses, administrators and doctors who helped us make our diabetic patients healthier," said **Michael Rolfsen, MD, FACP [The Baton Rouge Clinic, AMC]**.

The 2018 Together 2 Goal® Award winners are:

Best Performance¹ by a Small Group²: Baton Rouge Clinic and PriMed Physicians

Best Performance by a Large Group³: Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group, Inc.

Most Improved⁴ Small Group: The Portland Clinic

Most Improved Large Group: Mercy Medical Group and Tulane University Medical Group

Honorable Mention⁵: Coastal Carolina Health Care, PA

"The Baton Rouge Clinic is leading the pack in improving diabetes care," said John W. Kennedy, M.D., chief medical officer, AMGA, and president, AMGA Foundation. "We are proud to collaborate with groups to improve care for 1 million people living with Type 2 diabetes."

About The Baton Rouge Clinic, AMC

Founded in 1946 by four local physicians who understood the importance and advantages of a group practice, The Baton Rouge Clinic remains dedicated to continually improving patient care while meeting the changing healthcare needs of our community. Over the years we have grown to offer a comprehensive range of top quality healthcare services for the entire family – from infants through geriatrics. In addition to outstanding primary care, we offer a wide array of specialized clinical services, from dermatology to neurology, endocrinology, sleep medicine and surgical services – just to name a very few. In addition, we are home to one of the area's largest internal medicine and pediatrics departments – and also have the largest number of endocrinologists, pulmonologists, rheumatologists and pediatric neurologists in the region.

About the Together 2 Goal® Campaign

AMGA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AMGA, launched Together 2 Goal®, a three-year national campaign to fight the challenge of Type 2 diabetes on March 12, 2016. Together 2 Goal® includes more than 150 medical groups, health systems, non-profit partners, and corporate collaborators such as the American Diabetes Association, American Association of Diabetes Educators,

Novo Nordisk, Inc., Geisinger Health System, Henry Ford Health System, Intermountain Healthcare, and Ochsner Health System. The goal of the three-year campaign is to improve care for 1 million people with Type 2 diabetes by 2019. Together2Goal.org

About AMGA Foundation

AMGA Foundation is AMGA's philanthropic arm that enables medical groups and other organized systems of care to consistently improve health and health care. AMGA Foundation serves as a catalyst, connector, and collaborator for translating the evidence of what works best in improving health and health care in everyday practice. amga.org/foundation

About AMGA

AMGA is a trade association leading the transformation of health care in America. Representing multispecialty medical groups and integrated systems of care, we advocate, educate, innovate, and empower our members to deliver the next level of high performance health. AMGA is the national voice promoting awareness of our members' recognized excellence in the delivery of coordinated, high-quality, high-value care. More than 175,000 physicians practice in our member organizations, delivering care to one in three Americans. For more information, visit amga.org

Best performance is based on self-reported data submitted to the campaign for the diabetes bundle measure, which includes blood sugar control, blood pressure control, lipid management, and testing for kidney disease.

A small group is defined as a medical group or health system with fewer than 150 FTE physicians.

A large group is defined as a medical group or health system with 150 or more FTE physicians.

Improvement is based on self-reported data submitted to the campaign and is measured as the percentage improvement on the diabetes bundle measure in one year.

Honorable mention recognizes the best performance among participating organizations whose self-reported data is limited to blood sugar control rates.