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Cardiac Rehab Program Earns Prestigious Certification

Certiably the best!

Salem Medical Center is proud to announce the certification of its Cardiovascular Rehabilitation program by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). This certification signifies Salem Medical Center's commitment to improving the quality of patients' lives by strengthening standards of care and practices.

"This is significant news for our Cardiac Rehab program and for our hospital," said Chief Executive Officer Tammy Torres, DNP, BSN, RN. "Our team has been working diligently on this for many months. It is gratifying to see what they've achieved to bring this recognition to Salem Medical Center."

For more than a quarter of a century, the SMC Cardiac Rehab program has been helping people with cardiovascular problems (e.g., heart attacks, coronary artery bypass graft surgery and heart failure), allowing them to recover faster and live healthier. The program emphasizes the use of exercise, education, counseling and support for both patients and their families.

According to John Roselli, RRT, Director, Cardiopulmonary and Neurodiagnostic Services, to earn certification Margot Desparrois, RN, BSN, Sharon Kadany, RN, BSN, and Catherine Buckingham, LPN, under the direction of Manish Dadhania, MD, “has worked extremely hard” over the past few years making certain that the rehab not only met, but exceeded established guidelines while at the same time providing outstanding patient care to the patients they serve daily.

“I would like to personally thank everyone associated with this journey - my staff for their extreme hard work in getting this accomplished and Dr. Dadhania for his leadership,” said Mr. Roselli. “This is not only a good thing for our Salem Medical Center, but it is also good for the patients that we serve every day.”

The Salem Medical Center’s Cardiac Rehab program voluntarily participated in an application process that requires extensive documentation of the program’s practices and outcomes. The AACVPR Program Certification is the only peer-review accreditation process designed to review individual programs for adherence to standards and guidelines developed and published by AACVPR and other related professional societies. Each program’s application is reviewed by the AACVPR Program Certification Committee, and certification is awarded by the AACVPR Board of Directors.

The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation is a multidisciplinary professional association of health professionals who serve in the field of

cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation. Its membership includes cardiovascular and pulmonary physicians and nurses, exercise physiologists, physical therapists, behavioral scientists, respiratory therapists, dietitians, and nutritionists. Founded in 1985, the nonprofit association is dedicated to reducing morbidity, mortality, and disability from cardiovascular and pulmonary disease and improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

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