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New England Sinai Hospital Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation
Quality Conforms to the Highest Performance Standards Set by Rehabilitation Commission

STOUGHTON – CARF International, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, has announced that New England Sinai Hospital in Stoughton has been awarded its 11th consecutive three-year accreditation for its Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs and Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation Programs. This three-year accreditation designation is the highest level that is awarded by CARF and recognizes Sinai’s substantial conformance to rigorous standards of quality, accountability, value and service.

Sinai is the only rehabilitation provider in Massachusetts with a CARF-accredited Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation Program. Since the scope of this recent accreditation was expanded to include the Outpatient Amputation Specialty Program (Adults), as well, Sinai now becomes one of the first few organizations in the country to achieve accreditation for both Inpatient and Outpatient Amputation Specialty Programs (Adults).

In addition, the scope of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Program’s accreditation was expanded for this CARF survey. As a result, Sinai has now also earned individual accreditation in the Stroke Specialty Program (Adults). These inpatient specialty accreditations make Sinai unique among rehabilitation services providers in Massachusetts.

“This successful survey outcome reflects the excellent inpatient and outpatient care that Sinai’s rehabilitation staff provides on a daily basis,” says Sinai President and CEO Lester P. Schindle. “It is also an indication of the excellent patient outcomes that are achieved and the high level of patient satisfaction that is reported. Everyone on our rehabilitation and ambulatory care services team should share in this accreditation. It is a tangible measure of our ongoing commitment to continuous quality improvement.”

According to Ralph Colangelo, administrative director for Rehabilitation and Ambulatory Care Services at New England Sinai Hospital, the two-day CARF accreditation survey is a voluntary process. However, Sinai chooses to participate in order to maintain an unparalleled standard of excellence in patient care.

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“By submitting ourselves to rigorous peer review, we challenge ourselves to raise the bar and commit to providing programs and services that are measurable, accountable to patients, and of the highest quality,” says Colangelo. “We believe in the importance of the survey process and strive for nothing less than exceptional results. Our director of physical and occupational therapy, Davida Haas, is herself a CARF surveyor, so she inspires and challenges all of us to meet or exceed the standards that are set forth.”

CARF is an independent, not-for-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. An international commission founded in 1966, CARF establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

New England Sinai Hospital is a 212-bed, non-sectarian, not-for-profit, long-term acute-care hospital with its main campus in Stoughton, MA and inpatient satellite units at Tufts Medical Center in Boston and Caritas Carney Hospital in Dorchester. Recognized as a regional leader in pulmonary, medically complex and acute rehabilitation care, Sinai also offers a wide range of outpatient programs and services. Sinai is a teaching affiliate of Tufts University School of Medicine.