

SINAI PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AWARDED FOTO® OUTCOMES EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATE FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS

STOUGHTON, MA - New England Sinai Hospital's Physical and Occupational Departments have been awarded an Outcomes Excellence Certificate from Focus On Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc. (FOTO®), a nationwide outcomes data base and reporting service for healthcare providers. These certificates are presented to a select group of providers across the country to recognize the excellence achieved in effectiveness of treatment during the past twelve months. Sinai has been awarded the FOTO certificate for four consecutive quarters in 2005-2006 for demonstrating a greater increase in function for their patients than the national aggregate average.

Lester P. Schindel, Sinai President and CEO, said, "Receiving FOTO's Outcomes Excellence Certificate for four consecutive quarters means that we have been benchmarked against the rest of country for providing the best care. We are proud to be able to tell our patients that they are getting the best physical and occupational therapy care in the country, right here at New England Sinai Hospital."

David Haas, PT, DPT, Sinai's Director of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Services, noted that the benchmarking opportunity allows the departments to continually assess the value of the care provided in terms of effectiveness, efficiency and patient satisfaction. She believes that "the staff's attention to root causes for problems, and the ability to explain to patients why chosen treatment techniques are likely to work greatly contribute to our patient's positive outcomes."

FOTO has provided outcome data to healthcare providers since 1994. More than 1,000 organizations have contributed to the FOTO data base. Al Amato, FOTO's President said, "New England Sinai Hospital has proven the quality of their care by exceeding the average performance data of all the progressive organizations across the country who are part of the FOTO network."

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 in Boston and Dorchester. Sinai is recognized as a regional leader in pulmonary, medically complex and acute rehabilitation care. Sinai offers a wide range of outpatient programs and services. Sinai is a teaching affiliate of Tufts University School of Medicine.