

## **Press Release June 30 2006**

Multicare Associates is one of nine clinics in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin being recognized for meeting diabetes treatment goals established by Bridges to Excellence, an employer-led program that awards doctors for optimal care of diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. “By meeting the goals, doctors help patients manage their illness and reduce complications that affect so many people with diabetes,” explained Gail Amundson, MD, HealthPartners’ Associate Medical Director for Quality Improvement.

The Minnesota Bridges to Excellence effort involves employers including: the State of Minnesota, the Carlson Companies, General Electric, Honeywell, 3M, Medtronic, and Wells Fargo. Most of the employers are members of the Buyers Health Care Action Group, an employer coalition that manages the Bridges to Excellence program in Minnesota. Started in 2002 by national employers including GE, UPS and Verizon, Bridges to Excellence was created to encourage significant leaps in the quality of care by recognizing and rewarding health care providers who demonstrate that they deliver safe, timely, effective, efficient, and patient-centered care.

Multicare Associates is a physician-owned and operated clinic offering medical services in the northern suburbs of the Twin Cities since 1965. Located in Fridley, Blaine, and Roseville Multicare’s mission since inception is to serve the health care needs of our communities. We have done this by offering a broad range of specialties including: Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, General

Surgery, Occupational Health, and Orthopedics. Multicare Associates is honored to be recognized by Bridges to Excellence for superior patient care.

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