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Neponset Health Center of Harbor Health Services Inc. and Northeastern University School of Pharmacy recognized for Practice-Partnership Excellence.

BOSTON—October 18, 2007— Neponset Health Center and Northeastern University School of Pharmacy received the 2007 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Crystal APPLE (Academic-Practice Partnerships for Learning Excellence) Award.

The program recognized the contributions of the faculty/administrators at 8 US colleges and schools of pharmacy and their practice partners in the field, in successfully conducting and supporting quality evidence based education in exemplary patient care clinical teaching environments.



The Clinical Pharmacy Team (CPT) at Harbor Health Services, Inc.-Neponset Health Center provides comprehensive patient counseling and educational services to ensure safe and effective use of nonprescription and prescription medications. The CPT consists of clinical pharmacists, pharmacy residents, and students dedicated in improving the health and well-being of adult and pediatric patients. The goal of the team is to provide comprehensive, ongoing education, taking into account each patient's individual state of health, their readiness to learn and their emotional, social and cultural background. Patients' participation in the self management and care of their chronic conditions is encouraged.

The success of the CPT stems from the interdisciplinary approach to patient care that it has been adopted by the health center. The model calls for the integration of CPT services within the clinical areas. It is in this environment, where pharmacists work closely with the patient, his/her physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and medical and social services staff. Preceptor Dr. Jenny Van Amburgh implemented clinical pharmacy services in adult medicine in September 2000, and has taken the lead in expanding these services to pediatric, family medicine, and behavioral health populations within the health center.

The CPT provides feedback to the Patient Care Committee and is an active member in the health center's Diabetes, Asthma, and Depression Collaborative, HIV Medical Management and the 340B Prescription Medication Discount Program. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JACHO) states that the Clinical Pharmacy Team monitoring program is a model, nationally, for clinical pharmacy services within community health centers.

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