



**Dr. Thomas Davis Receives National  
Recognition for Providing Quality Diabetes Care**

Washington, MO, August 10, 2010 – The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the American Diabetes Association (ADA) have announced that Patients First physician, Thomas Davis, MD, FAAFP, New Haven, has received Recognition from the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program for providing quality care to his patients with diabetes.

To receive recognition, which is valid for three years, Dr. Davis submitted data that demonstrates performance that meets the Program’s key diabetes care measures. These measures include eye exams, blood pressure tests, nutrition therapy and patient satisfaction, among others. When people with diabetes receive quality care as outlined by these measures, they are less likely to suffer complications such as heart attacks, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputations.

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body’s ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. An estimated 16 million Americans have diabetes; it is the sixth-leading-cause of death by disease in the U.S. and it has no cure.

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations and recognizes physicians in key clinical areas. The ADA is the nation’s leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy.

Dr. Thomas Davis is a family medicine physician with Patients First Health Care. He sees patients in both New Haven and Hermann.

Patients First Health Care is a multi-specialty physician group featuring 74 physicians practicing in 20 specialties in 17 offices located throughout east central Missouri.