



**Excellent news:** Your doctor has been recognized for providing high quality care



**Are your other healthcare providers recognized by Bridges to Excellence?**

If not, encourage them to apply. Physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants are all eligible. Get your whole care team involved—they will benefit and you will too!

**What is Bridges to Excellence?**

Bridges to Excellence is a part of the Health Care Incentives Improvement Institute (HCI3), a national organization devoted to improving health care quality and value. Our programs recognize and reward physicians who deliver superior care to patients with chronic conditions like yours.

**How did your doctor earn recognition?**

Your doctor had to meet performance standards on a broad range of measures that affect your health and wellness. These measures provide a checklist of items to help ensure that you receive high quality care.

**Who created these measures?**

We work with experts to identify measures that promote the most effective management of your condition. For example, they help ensure that the right tests are performed at the right time, the proper treatments are provided, and so on.

**What are the benefits to patients?**

In studies, patients of recognized doctors are healthier on average. Doctors who meet our performance measures have been shown to:

- ★ Improve patient health
- ★ Decrease the cost of care
- ★ Reduce the risk of avoidable complications and hospitalizations

**What conditions do these programs cover?**

They include asthma, back pain, cardiac disease, congestive heart failure, COPD, coronary artery disease, depression, diabetes, hypertension, and IBD. We also offer recognition for the use of high quality information systems and care processes.

**You can rest assured that your doctor is providing you with the best care possible, while working to keep your costs low.** To learn more, please visit [www.hci3.org](http://www.hci3.org) and click on the Bridges to Excellence link.