



TOUCHPOINT PEDIATRICS, P.A.

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TOUCHPOINT PEDIATRICS HAS BEEN AGAIN AWARDED NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS A PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME™ *Patient-Centered Medical Home 2014 standards emphasize enhanced care through patient- clinician partnership*

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) today announced that Touchpoint Pediatrics of Chatham, NJ and its physicians, Dr. Jennifer Shaw-Brachfeld of Chatham, Dr. Valerie Tom of Short Hills, Dr. Margot Kerrigan of Basking Ridge and Dr. Stuart Slavin of Whippany have received recognition as a level three (*the highest achievable level*) Patient-Centered Medical Home 2014, (PCMH 2014) program for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term participative relationships.

The patient-centered medical home is a model of care that emphasizes care coordination and communication and has been proven to lead to higher quality and lower costs while improving the experience of care for both patients and providers.

The PCMH identifies practices that promote partnerships between individual patients and their personal clinicians, instead of treating patient care as the sum of several episodic office visits. Each patient's care is tended to by clinician-led care teams, who provide for all the patient's health care needs and coordinate treatments across the health care system.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home 2014 standards emphasize the use of systematic, patient-centered, coordinated care that supports access, communication and patient involvement. Touchpoint Pediatrics was also recognized as a level three PCMH in 2014, under the previous 2011 standards.

Our office was named one of the state's top medical facilities on NJTopDocs.com, and we have the resources and expertise to provide quality care to your family.

To receive recognition, which is valid for three years, Touchpoint Pediatrics demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements embodying characteristics of the medical home. The standards are aligned with the joint principles of the Patient Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's Web site (ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.

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