



Renal Associates, LLC receives American Heart Association's Hypertension Practice Center Certification

Baton Rouge, Louisiana – Renal Associates has been awarded the American Heart Association's Hypertension Practice Center Certification to recognize the practice's commitment to following research-based treatment guidelines to care for people with complex or difficult-to-treat hypertension or high blood pressure. This is the first medical practice in the state of Louisiana to be awarded this certification.

Certified practices must be primarily devoted to patients with hypertension and related disorders, be recognized as referral and treatment resources for resistant and secondary hypertension and have facilities and personnel capable of assessing and evaluating complicated hypertension problems. Certified Hypertension Practice Centers are recognized as leaders in providing the most up-to-date effective treatment strategies based on current evidence-based research in hypertension.

Renal Associates underwent several reviews by American Heart Association quality improvement specialists who evaluated the practice's policies, procedures, and operations to ensure appropriate diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment protocols were in place and executed for hypertension patients.

Key areas in which Renal Associates demonstrated a commitment to adherence to certification-required treatment requirements include:

- 24 Hour Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Education of Patients for home Blood Pressure Monitoring

To signify their exemplary efforts, Renal Associates will display the official American Heart Association Hypertension Practice Center Certification mark.

"Renal Associates is thoroughly committed to providing our patients the highest quality hypertension care centered in current scientific research," said Dr. Jones Samuel. "The American Heart Association's Hypertension Practice Center Certification has highlighted our accomplishments and is recognition of our commitment to continually work to improve the overall treatment and care for our patients with hypertension."



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Through this certification program, the American Heart Association aims to improve the outcomes of people with complex or difficult-to-treat hypertension through collaboration with medical practices to implement evidence-based treatment guidelines.

The overall goals for the certified Hypertension Practice Center encompass patients, providers, and research and training opportunities through an evaluation of the practice against a professional set of criteria based on demonstrated adherence to key requirements and a rigorous review process.

For more information on the American Heart Association certification programs, visit www.heart.org/certification.



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