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Perfect Health: 100 Percent of Mountainside Hospital Internal Medicine Residents Pass Certification Exam

(MONTCLAIR, NJ) Continuing a streak now at three years, all seven of the Internal Medicine residents completing their training this year at Mountainside Hospital passed their American Board of Internal Medicine certification exam, hospital officials announced this week.

Board certification is awarded by the American Board of Internal Medicine, and indicates that the physician has attained a superior level of training, knowledge and experience within the field of Internal Medicine. Mountainside offers a three-year residency program, and has a total of 24 Internal Medicine residents. The Hospital's program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

"One of Mountainside's important roles in the community includes serving as a training ground for the next generation of doctors," said Mountainside CEO Barry Dykes, in a memo to employees. "Since the 1970s, Mountainside's Internal Medicine Residency program has trained hundreds of doctors for careers in general internal medicine, and provided the foundation for physicians who have gone on to excel in specialty practices."

Under the direction of Ruth Wong-Liang, MD, Mountainside's program provides a full-time faculty as well as the volunteer teaching by many members of the Mountainside Hospital medical staff. The Hospital attracts approximately 1,000 inquiries annually from medical students nationally and internationally interested in Internal Medicine residency training at Mountainside. Of those, only eight residents are chosen for each class. Achieving a 100 percent pass rate in the certification exam is "a remarkable achievement that is a testament not only to the quality of our residents, but also to the quality of our Internal Medicine residency program," Mr. Dykes said.

The Internal Medicine residents who are now Board-certified include: Ehab Abdelsayed, MD; Vani Bollineni, MD; Deepa Chintala, MD; Ning Fu, MD; Vikas Kapoor, MD; Geeta Manthena, MD; and Aparna Methuku, MD.

Mountainside Hospital has served Montclair and surrounding communities since 1891, and today—with an outstanding medical staff, nurses, and other top quality caregivers—offers a wide array of sophisticated and caring health services, including Emergency Care, Wound Care, Women's Services, Cardiology, Pediatrics, Oncology, Bariatric Surgery and Orthopedics. For more information, visit www.mountainsidenow.com.

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