KELSEY-SEYBOLD CLINIC JOINS ABMS MULTI-SPECIALTY PORTFOLIO PROGRAM

Will Offer Participating Physicians an Opportunity to Maintain Board Certification Through Participation in System-wide Quality Improvement Activities

CHICAGO – July 10, 2019 – The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) announced that Kelsey-Seybold Clinic (Kelsey-Seybold) has joined ABMS’ Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program™ (Portfolio Program). Physicians who are board certified by one or more of the 18 of 24 ABMS Member Boards participating in the Portfolio Program can now earn Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Improvement in Medical Practice (Part IV) credit for their involvement in Kelsey-Seybold quality improvement (QI) activities.

As part of the Portfolio Program, Kelsey-Seybold may now offer medical staff members the opportunity to satisfy their continuing certification program needs, while helping to improve patient health and safety throughout the Greater Houston area. The program will involve approximately 400 providers systemwide, treating more than 350,000 patients.

“Kelsey-Seybold Clinic has always focused on quality, patient satisfaction, and value – tenets that have positioned us to effectively and efficiently manage care for patient populations ranging from the very small to very large,” said Patrick Carter, MD, MBA, FAAFP, Medical Director for Care Coordination and Quality Improvement, and Chief of Family Medicine. “The ABMS Portfolio Program allows our large group practice to help individual providers acquire MOC credits by engaging in Kelsey-Seybold’s own quality improvement initiatives, which are all designed to improve patient care.”

Dr. Carter will oversee the implementation and management of the program, which will be integrated into the structure of the Clinic’s QI Department. While open to all its physicians, the Kelsey-Seybold program will be targeted to those doctors whose practice area lies within...
established initiatives. Key improvement activities will focus on increased HPV vaccination, asthma care, and the prevention and treatment of hypertension.

“Kelsey-Seybold has made a serious commitment to improve the quality and value of the health care they deliver to their communities,” stated David W. Price, MD, FAAFP, FACEHP, FSACME, Executive Director of the Portfolio Program. “They also have made professional development a priority throughout the organization. Our relationship will enable them to facilitate continuing certification credit for their physicians who engage in activities aimed at improving patient safety and care throughout their service area.”

To date, the ABMS Portfolio Program has helped engage physicians in QI and practice improvement initiatives at hospitals and health systems across the country, with many showing improvement in care outcomes. Since its inception, more than 3,100 improvement efforts have been completed by Portfolio Program participants.

About ABMS
Established in 1933, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) is the leading not-for-profit organization overseeing physician certification in the United States. ABMS establishes the standards its 24 Member Boards use to develop and implement educational and professional evaluation, assessment, and certification of physician specialists, helping to improve the quality of care to the patients, families and communities we serve. More than 880,000 physicians are certified in one or more of the approved 40 specialties and 87 subspecialties offered by the ABMS Member Boards. For more information about ABMS, visit abms.org or call (312) 436-2600.

About Kelsey-Seybold Clinic
Kelsey-Seybold Clinic is Houston’s premier multispecialty group practice, founded in 1949 by Dr. Mavis Kelsey in Houston’s famous Texas Medical Center. More than 400 physicians and allied health professionals practice at 20 locations and an accredited Sleep Center in the Greater Houston area. Medical services offered by Kelsey-Seybold include medical care in 55 medical specialties, including primary care and specialty care, outpatient surgery centers, an accredited Sleep Center, a Radiation Therapy Center, laboratory services, advanced radiology services and other diagnostic services, 15 onsite Kelsey pharmacies, and a secure web portal for patients to communicate with their Kelsey-Seybold doctors, get test results, and schedule appointments. Patients enrolled in a KelseyCare health benefits plan have access to Virtual Health managed by Kelsey-Seybold providers, including E-Visits and Video Visits.

Kelsey-Seybold has been recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as the nation’s first accredited Accountable Care Organization and a Level 3 (highest) Patient-Centered Medical Home. Kelsey-Seybold has many physicians in the Greater Houston area certified for excellence in diabetes and heart and stroke care by the NCQA. In 2018, KelseyCare Advantage, a Medicare Advantage plan affiliated with Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, was awarded a 5-out-of-5 star rating by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the third year in a row. In addition to these recognitions, Kelsey-Seybold is home to a nationally accredited Breast Diagnostic Center, Endoscopy Center, Infusion Center and Cancer Center.