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**THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER – WEST O'AHU'S
DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM MERITS
AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION (ADA) RECOGNITION**

HONOLULU – The prestigious American Diabetes Association (ADA) Education Recognition Certificate for a quality diabetes self-management education program was recently awarded to the Diabetes Management and Education Center at The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu on January 22, 2015. ADA believes that this program offers high-quality education that is an essential component of effective diabetes treatment.

The Association's Education Recognition Certificate assures that educational programs meet the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs. These Standards were developed and tested under the auspices of the National Diabetes Advisory Board in 1983 and were revised by the diabetes community in 1994, 2000, 2007 and 2012.

Programs apply for Recognition voluntarily. Programs that achieve Recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide participants with comprehensive information about diabetes management. "The process gives professionals a national standard by which to measure the quality of services they provide," said Susan Murray, Senior Vice President, West O'ahu and Chief Operating Officer of The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu. "In addition, this recognition assures the community that they will receive high-quality service at our facility." Education Recognition status is verified by an official certificate from ADA and awarded for four years.

The Queen's Medical Center Punchbowl campus has had this ADA recognition since 2004, and was recently re-verified in March 2014.

According to the American Diabetes Association, there are 29.1 million people or 9.3% of the population in the United States who have diabetes. Over 107,000 people in Hawaii have diabetes and 390,800 are living with prediabetes. Each day approximately 4,657 people are diagnosed with diabetes. Many will first learn that they have diabetes when they are treated for one of its life-threatening complications – heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and nerve disease and amputation. Diabetes contributed to



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234,051 deaths in 2010, making it the seventh leading cause of death in the US. Overall, the risk for death among people with diabetes is about twice that of people of similar age but without diabetes. Recent estimates project that as many as 1 in 3 Americans adults will have diabetes in 2050.

For more information on Recognized education programs, visit www.diabetes.org/erp.

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About The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu

The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu (QMC-West), located in Ewa in West Oahu, is a community hospital licensed for 80 acute beds. It provides major hospital services including an emergency room, inpatient and outpatient surgery, imaging, a women's center, orthopaedics, cardiology and specialty clinics. QMC-West is a part of The Queen's Medical Center, located in downtown Honolulu. QMC-West was established to extend the mission of Queen's to the West Oahu region to provide quality health care services to the fastest growing area in the state.

About The American Diabetes Association

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading non-profit health organization supporting diabetes research, advocacy and information for health professionals, patients and the public. Founded in 1940, the Association has an area office in every state and conducts programs in communities nationwide.