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Miller named Director on American Board of Addiction Medicine

Oconomowoc, Wis. – The medical director of the Herrington Recovery Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital has been selected to serve a second term as a director on the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) and as a director for the the ABAM Foundation.

“It is a real honor to serve on a national panel with outstanding physicians from such a wide range of medical specialties,” said Michael M. Miller, MD, FASAM, FAPA. “My hope is that by serving with medical leaders like those on this board, we can promote increases in the quality and availability of addiction treatment at Rogers as well as across the nation.”

The directors lead ABAM in the formal certification of physicians as experts in addiction medicine and its efforts to advance the quality of medical care for substance-use disorders related to alcohol, tobacco and other addicting drugs, including some prescription medications. The ABAM Foundation supports the physician certification activities of ABAM and also works to establish and accredit physician post-graduate addiction medicine training programs, such as one at the UW-Madison for which Dr. Miller serves as a faculty member.

Although one in five Americans entering the health care system has a substance use problem, there has never been a board-certified medical specialty, drawn from all areas of medicine, dedicated to treating addiction. “Physicians are often at a loss for what to do about substance use and addiction issues, and may even misdiagnose the problem,” said said ABAM and ABAM Foundation President Jeffrey H. Samet, MD, MA, MPH. “We hope to change this by expanding the cadre of board-certified addiction medicine physicians across medical specialties.”

ABAM is an independent medical specialty board established in 2007 to certify addiction medicine physicians from several specialties, including emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, preventive medicine, psychiatry and other specialties. Prior to ABAM’s formation, only one medical specialty (psychiatry) offered sub-specialized training and certification in addiction.



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Dr. Miller is a board-certified sub-specialist in addiction psychiatry in addition to being a diplomate of ABAM. He is on the faculty of the addiction psychiatry fellowship programs at the UW-Madison (where he formerly served as Associate Director) and at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

“Years of scientific research have proven drug addiction is a brain disease caused by biological, environmental and developmental factors—a disease which can have far reaching medical consequences. Given the proper training, tools, and resources, physicians can be the first line of defense against substance abuse and addiction—identifying drug use early, preventing its escalation to abuse and addiction, and referring patients in need to treatment,” said Nora D. Volkow, MD, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. For more information on ABAM, the ABAM 2012 Certification Examination, and the ABAM Foundation accredited residency training programs, please visit <http://www.abam.net>.

Rogers Memorial Hospital is a leader in personalized treatment for anxiety disorders, eating disorders, mood disorders and substance-use disorders for children, teens and adults. Our team of more than 850 professionals, led by board-certified psychiatrists, addictionologists and other physicians, is dedicated to working with each patient to develop individualized treatment plans to achieve lasting recovery and help to get their life back. Our Oconomowoc campus, including the Herrington Recovery center, is located on 50 acres of woods with a waterfront campus in southeastern Wisconsin.

For more information about the Herrington Recovery Center and the other nationally-known programs of Rogers Memorial Hospital, call 800-767-4411 or request a screening online.

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