

NEWS RELEASE

Medical Assistant program insures multi-skilled graduates

CENTREVILLE---The Medical Assistant education program at Glen Oaks Community College is providing high quality graduates to area health care institutions and the education curriculum is keeping up with the changing dynamics of medical care. That was the opinion reached in the Medical Assistant Advisory Board meeting Wednesday, September 23 at the College.

Dr. Wilson Sawa, M.D. received an honorarium as Medical Advisor to the group. Brenda Luczek, faculty member and Medical Assisting Program Chairperson at Glen Oaks, thanked Dr. Sawa for joining the Board and said the group looks forward to his future direction and contributions.

Much of the luncheon discussion centered on electronic medical records and the need to insure such study is part of the curriculum. Dr. Sawa reminded the group that even prescriptions now go directly to pharmacies from doctors using EMR systems. He urged that training for medical assistants be flexible and varied so they can quickly adapt to new processes and procedures when joining a medical setting. Ms. Luczek said changes expected next year in the curriculum include an advanced keyboarding course and Administrative Assistant II. Kathie Murray of the Sturgis Medical Group said she has been pleased with the training and experience shown by Glen Oaks graduates of the medical assistant program. She said the graduates with strong all-around administrative and clinical backgrounds are most needed. Current students Pam Johnson and Sally Sterling said they felt comfortable and well trained when serving as interns. Faculty members Marlene Livingston, Cindy Miller and Linda Weinberg reported more recent graduates are employed in area institutions and have completed their national certification.

Medical Assistants are multi-skilled health professionals specifically educated to work in ambulatory setting performing administrative and clinical duties. The Medical Assistant certificate is a 50 credit program which also applies toward the 62 credit Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health degree. Graduates are eligible for National Certification with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The goal of the Glen Oaks MA program is to prepare competent entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.



Dr. Wilson Sawa is handed an Honorarium for his role as Medical Advisor to the Glen Oaks Medical Assistant Advisory Board by Brenda Luczek, Allied Health faculty member and Medical Assistant Program Chairperson. Members of the Board joined in the award picture.