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Amputation Program Receives CARF Accreditation

[Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital](#), Malvern, Pa, has the distinction of being the first to be accredited by [CARF International](#) for its amputation specialty program. The accreditation is for 3 years, the highest level available.

According to Donna Phillips, Bryn Mawr president, the accreditation “is a credit to our dedicated staff members who provide the highest-quality service to our patients.”

Annette Houseworth, the hospital’s coordinator of clinical quality, says the CARF accreditation aligns with the hospital’s vision and mission to strive for excellence by providing care and services that are valued by the persons served.

“Our vision is to be recognized as the leader and preferred rehab resource for health care providers and the communities we serve,” Houseworth says. “Receiving the first accreditation for our amputee rehabilitation program positions us as a leader and fits precisely within our vision. This is an extraordinary accomplishment that is the direct result of our staff’s commitment to quality and hard work.”

Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital also earned 3-year accreditation from CARF International for the hospital’s inpatient, brain injury, spinal cord, and stroke specialty rehabilitation programs serving adults, children, and adolescents.

CARF introduced amputation specialty standards in July 2007 with input from the Amputee Coalition of America, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Defense, American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists, and persons with limb loss. The standards were published earlier this year in CARF’s 2008 Medical Rehabilitation Standards Manual.

Service providers must apply the standards for a minimum of 6 months before a CARF survey may lead to program accreditation.

In addition to the separate set of standards for amputation specialty programs, providers that serve any person with limb loss and are also CARF-accredited for their comprehensive integrated inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient medical rehabilitation, or home- and community-based rehabilitation programs must apply new amputation-specific standards in these accreditation areas.

Joe Ricci, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital’s amputee clinic coordinator, says, “Our amputee rehabilitation program has been in existence for many years. Our CARF accreditation process pulled the entire amputee rehab team together and resulted in us gaining recognition and accolades for this program.”

Phillips adds, “We are proud to be the first rehabilitation facility to receive this accreditation.”

For information about amputation specialty program accreditation, contact the CARF International Medical

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