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DR. BRIAN ANDERSON OF MINNEAPOLIS TO RECEIVE PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP IN QUALITY AWARD

MINNEAPOLIS—Brian Anderson, M.D., of Minneapolis, will receive the Minnesota Medical Association's Physician Leadership in Quality Award during the 155th MMA Annual Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Riverfront in St. Paul Sept. 17-19.

Anderson, an internist and cardiologist, was given the award because of his passion for teaching health care executives about quality improvement, his work improving the quality and safety of rural hospitals, his leadership in the development of the Minnesota Hospital Quality Report, and his support of measurement and transparency via MN Community Measurement, a nonprofit that provides public reports about the performance of provider groups and clinics.

Since 1999, Anderson, in partnership with Stratis Health, has used his expertise in quality and safety to help rural hospitals, known as critical access hospitals, improve the quality of the care they provide, particularly regarding heart failure and stroke.

Anderson was also a key contributor to the development of the Hospital Quality Report, a joint project by the Minnesota Hospital Association and Stratis Health launched in 2005. The locally sponsored website strives to provide information to the public about the quality of care at Minnesota hospitals.

In addition to this work, Anderson has also served on the board of MN Community Measurement, since its inception in 2004, promoting the need for physicians to measure the quality of their care and make improvements based on those scores. He is currently serving as chair of the board.

Anderson continues to have a limited clinical cardiology practice and works as a consultant. He has practiced in Minnesota for nearly 30 years. After 15 years of interventional cardiology practice, he joined the executive team of Allina Hospitals and Clinics in Minneapolis, where he served as a senior vice president for clinical services and as chief medical officer through 2006.

The award will be presented at the meeting of the MMA House of Delegates on Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.

The Physician Leadership in Quality Award is given each year to the Minnesota physician who has made an effort to improve and promote the quality of health care in the state.

The Minnesota Medical Association is a professional association of about 10,000 physicians, medical students, residents, and fellows.