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LEBANON VA RANKS AMONG TOP TEN EDUCATIONAL SITES IN VA

Lebanon Continues to Be Among the Highest Performing Educational Sites Nationally

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In national survey results just released, Lebanon VA Medical Center (VAMC) was ranked among the top ten educational sites within the US Department of Veterans Affairs. The annual survey entitled, “Learner Perception Survey” is conducted with medical residents each calendar year by the Department to identify high performing educational facilities. Over the past 2 years, medical residents rated their experience at the Lebanon VA Medical Center in the top 10 sites among VA facilities in the nation. In fact, this year, the internal medicine program at the local VA was ranked number one in the state among VA hospitals.

In addition to care for America’s Veterans, one of the Department’s primary responsibilities is to support medical schools in training new physicians. While the Lebanon VA’s principle medical school affiliation is with Penn State Hershey College of Medicine, Lebanon maintains over 100 other academic training agreements. The “Learner Perception Survey” is completed specifically by medical residents during their training at VA medical centers. It explores various experiences and values including: the expertise of clinical staff and preceptors, the learning environment, and the students’ satisfaction with the program. Additionally clinical skills, teaching ability, interest in teaching, research mentoring, accessibility/availability, approachability/openness, timeliness of feedback, fairness, role modeling, mentoring, patient orientation, quality of facility, evidence-based clinical practice are all evaluated. Not surprisingly, every medical student surveyed in 2014 stated they would be happy to return to Lebanon VAMC for additional training.

Robert W. Callahan, Jr. the medical center director stated, “We are very proud of our physicians, and providers. Not only do they do an exceptional job of taking care of America’s Veterans, but they also do an extraordinary job of educating, mentoring, and training America’s future doctors.” Dr. Michael MaCauley, a hospitalist physician at the VA facility is the Medical Residency Coordinator. “Nearly 70% of physicians practicing medicine in the US received some of their clinical training at VA facilities. No other healthcare organization can make that claim. Our Nation depends on us getting it right and our clinical staff consistently demonstrates their ability to do that very thing. VA is a great place to work as a physician.”

Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 152 medical centers across the United States which are dedicated to serving the unique needs of America’s Veterans. The VA is the largest health care system in the country, using state of the art technology to improve the health of Veterans from every generation. If you are Veteran, you may be eligible to receive care and benefits from the VA. To learn more, call 717-228-6000.

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