

Dr. Serrao Receives Award from GRHA

East Georgia Healthcare Center Medical Director, Sanjay Serrao, M.D. recently received an award for Rural Health Practitioner of the Year from Georgia Rural Health Association (GRHA) at its annual convention on Jekyll Island.

Serrao has served as Medical Director at East Georgia Healthcare Center for 5 years. In 2003 he personally had more than 6000 patient visits.

Under Dr. Serrao's leadership, EGHC has more than tripled staff size, including 5 additional medical providers. His insightfulness and guidance has also led EGHC into two new sites in Reidsville and Soperton and has more than tripled its base federal funding.



“Dr. Serrao’s presence and leadership has certainly increased patient access to quality health services in our area. We are very proud of him and his work,” EGHC CEO, Jennie Wren Denmark.

Dr. Serrao is currently serving his second year as the President of the Primary Care Clinicians Network (PCCN), a statewide network of physicians, on behalf of the Georgia Association of Primary Healthcare (GAPHC).

Dr. Serrao participates in multiple educational opportunities, including LPN rotation through the clinic setting, Medical Assistant externships, and sponsors internships for students in healthcare programs. These programs are with Georgia Southern University, Swainsboro Technical College and Southeastern Technical College.

Dr. Serrao continues to supervise a free healthy living class taught at EGHC focusing on diabetic education and health. “Diabetes is a problem in our community and it is not enough just to treat the problem, we truly want to make their life better and one way to do that is through patient education,” stated Sanjay Serrao, M.D.. The class, held at EGHC in Swainsboro (478-237-2638), is free and is open to the public.

Dr. Serrao is continually seeking opportunities to improve healthcare for the citizens of Emanuel, Tattnall and Treutlen counties, including grant funding to enhance the services provided in these communities.

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origin, age, gender, disability, veteran status, and/or ability to pay. EGHC has three locations in Southeast Georgia, Swainsboro, Reidsville and Soperton.

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