

8th Annual I AM Patient Safety Achievement Awards



Key Dates

Nomination Period: Oct. 1 – Dec. 30, 2020

Winner Announcement: Feb. 2, 2021

We invite hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities, birthing centers, abortion facilities, long-term care facilities, and physician offices to submit nominations of individuals or teams who have made a difference in patient safety for the **8th annual I AM Patient Safety Achievement Awards**.

This year we are happy to announce three new award categories, Conquering COVID-19, Nationwide Warriors (from outside the Commonwealth), and Physician Offices.

Each year, we recognize and celebrate healthcare staff for their individual or collective commitment to and influences on patient safety. It is a chance for us to celebrate the things that go right each day in healthcare to make our patients safer.

Nominations will only be considered for a single category.

- Ambulatory Surgery Facility
- Conquering COVID-19
- Focus On The Patient
- Improving Diagnosis
- Individual Impact
- Long-Term Care Facility
- Safety Story
- Transparency and Safety in Healthcare
- Nationwide Warriors
- Physician Offices

**Nominate a Patient Safety Hero at:
patientsafety.pa.gov**

Award Categories | Descriptions & Examples

AMBULATORY SURGERY FACILITY separately licensed

- The winner will be an individual or a team who advanced surgical safety
- Examples include improving the time-out process, involving patients in an improvement project, and developing an innovative intervention to prevent surgical site infections

CONQUERING COVID-19

- The winner will be an individual or a team who made an impact fighting the pandemic
- Examples include providing exceptional frontline care, developing surveillance strategies, creating innovative care practices, and establishing successful prevention techniques

FOCUS ON THE PATIENT

- The winner will be an individual or a team who demonstrated an extraordinary consideration for a patient's physical or mental well-being
- Examples include utilizing patient/family input to effect change, integrating patient/family perspectives into care practices, and developing innovative risk-stratification processes to identify high-risk patients

IMPROVING DIAGNOSIS

- The winner will be an individual or a team who enhanced the diagnostic process or made considerable effort to reduce diagnostic error
- Examples include improving patient/family communication around the diagnostic process; expanding the diagnostic team with nonproviders, e.g., nurses, therapists, techs, and patients; crafting technological solutions to reduce misdiagnosis; and improving the diagnosis and management of a medical condition

INDIVIDUAL IMPACT- GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

- The winner will be an individual who made a significant impact on a patient or their facility
- Examples include taking steps to provide exceptional patient care, providing a heartfelt moment for a patient/colleague, creating a fun/innovative care environment, and stories that makes you say "Wow!"

LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY separately licensed

- The winner will be an individual or a team who advanced patient safety at a long-term care facility within Pennsylvania
- Examples include identifying and communicating a safety concern, initiating a new program/process to prevent infections, involving residents in a patient safety initiative, and reducing the rate of a healthcare-associated infection or other safety-related metric

SAFETY STORY (NEAR MISS OR CLOSE CALL)

- Near misses are circumstances that could have caused patient harm but did not
- The winner will be in individual or a team who intervened before an injury occurred
- Examples include reporting an event catalyzed facility-wide change, implementing a new inspection process following equipment failure, and identifying a potentially catastrophic situation

TRANSPARENCY AND SAFETY IN HEALTHCARE

- The winner will be an individual or a team who improved transparency to advance patient safety
- Examples include demonstrating commitment to transparency by leadership, broadly disseminating lessons learned from an event, designing and implementing a new process to link disclosure and system improvement, and employing an integrated team approach to safety and transparency

NATIONWIDE WARRIORS

- Open to any individual or team in the United States
- The winner will be an individual or a team who went above and beyond to advance patient safety, developed innovative harm reduction strategies, or created a nurturing care environment for their patients

PHYSICIAN OFFICES

- Open to Pennsylvania medical offices independently licensed or part of a larger health system
- The winner will be an individual or team who demonstrated the importance of patient safety in the physician office setting

Prepare for Submission

- Name of person(s) or department being nominated
- Narrative description of the event or initiative
 - 500 words or less
 - No identifiers
- Submission category
- Contact information of individual(s) to coordinate future communication with PSA