



I AM Patient Safety 2018

Call for Nominations

Key Dates

Call for nominations: August 1, 2017

Nomination deadline: October 2, 2017

Live announcement of winners: November 16, 2017

“I Am Patient Safety” 2018 is a statewide contest that recognizes and celebrates healthcare staff for their individual or collective commitment to patient safety. This year, the Authority is excited to award a winner in each of the following nine categories (descriptions are given on page 2):

- Improving Diagnosis
- Focus on the Patient
- Long-Term Care
- Best Use of Authority Resources
- Individual Impact—Going Above and Beyond
- Innovation
- Video
- Ambulatory Surgical Facility/
Ambulatory Care Center
- Good Catch

The Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority (PSA) invites Pennsylvania hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities, birthing centers, abortion facilities, and long-term care facilities to submit nominations. Nominations must be submitted by **October 2, 2017**.

New for 2018
Winners will be recognized
at the Authority’s first
Pennsylvania Patient Safety
Summit (P2S2), on April 5, 2018

Judging Criteria

The contest will recognize individuals or groups within your organization who have made a personal commitment to patient safety and who have influenced or improved patient safety within the facility. Each nomination will be considered only for the category in which it was submitted. With facility consent, this information will be published in the *Pennsylvania Patient Safety Advisory*, the *Annual Report*, and will be posted on the Authority's website and social media platforms. The winners will be announced on November 16, 2017, on Facebook Live. The Authority will recognize all winners at its first annual Pennsylvania Patient Safety Summit in State College, PA, on April 5, 2018. At this special award luncheon, they will receive a token of recognition.

Nominations for individuals or groups are judged according to the following criteria:

- Evident commitment to patient safety
- Focus on training and education
- Indicative of strong patient safety culture in the facility
- Initiative taken by individual/group

Award Categories and Nomination Examples

IMPROVING DIAGNOSIS

- Making an accurate and timely explanation of a health condition (to an individual or group of patients)
- Following up on an incidental finding for a patient in another state
- Spending extra time with a patient for a medical exam or office visit
- Communicating diagnostic uncertainty
- Improving cognitive or system related issues in the diagnostic process
- Using education/training in clinical decision making
- Using IT systems to support and improve the diagnostic process
- Improving diagnosis with a team-based approach by consulting nurses, therapists, and technicians

FOCUS ON THE PATIENT

- Focusing on an organization initiative because of a patient and/or family suggestion
- Using patient surveys to drive organizational change
- Including the patient in organizational initiatives
- Keeping the patient first in everyday care
- Helping a pet visit hospitalized patient
- Assisting to make a special memory for a patient at the bedside during long hospitalization
- Integrating both patients and their families in the continuity of care and treatment

LONG-TERM CARE

- Staff-led initiative
- Staff identification of a safety concern
- Implementation of evidence-based practices
- Improvement in healthcare-associated infection rates

BEST USE OF AUTHORITY RESOURCES

- Inviting the PSA to your facility to assist with an initiative
- Educating staff through an Authority resource
- Making observations because of PSA guidance or education
- Relating how an Authority resource helped with process improvement
- Making use of PSA toolkits to help impact your work

INDIVIDUAL IMPACT—GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

- An everyday story that makes one say, "Wow!"
- A staff member stepping outside of the comfort zone to prevent harm
- Providing exceptional patient care
- A heartfelt/memorable moment shared between a healthcare individual and patient

INNOVATION (novel solutions that provide value and result in positive change)

- Developing new patient safety interventions by using creative problem solving or innovative methods
- Thinking outside the box to develop creative solutions
- Initiating two-way radios to ensure real-time communication among staff (example from 2017 I Am Patient Safety Winner)
- Overcoming patient safety challenges

VIDEO (All videos should be one [1] minute or less):

- How videos/media have been used to enhance patient safety or infection prevention
- Video mash-up pertaining to your organizational mission, quality, patient safety, or infection prevention
- Documentary about quality, patient safety, or infection prevention
- Community message about your organization's commitment to patient safety

AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY/ AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

- Evolution of the time-out process
- What has a member of your team done to spearhead a quality standard, patient-safety initiative, or infection-prevention improvement?
- Surgical-site infection (SSI) reporting initiative (innovative way of performing surveillance or capturing SSIs)

GOOD CATCH (near miss or close call)

- Equipment issue identified and brought to the attention of leadership
- Bed moving while wheels locked, took opportunity to check all beds (example from 2017 I Am Patient Safety winner)
- Staff member recognizes improved patient outcome and champions practice change (example from 2017 I Am Patient Safety winner)

Nomination Information

Nominations will be accepted for individuals or groups from healthcare providers and facility staff. Nominees may include healthcare providers or other facility staff; for example housekeeping, dietary, or administrative staff. Patients may also submit nominations at a facility's discretion. Each facility may nominate more than one individual or group for recognition, but while multiple submissions can be made, a single submission cannot be made to multiple categories. Changes cannot be made to nominations after submission.

The nomination deadline is October 2, 2017. All nominations should include a narrative of 5,000 characters or less, including spaces, and be submitted electronically here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IAPS2018>

Qualification Checklist/Entry Guidelines

- ✓ Nomination narrative is blinded and does not include organization(s) name, patient info, staff info, or other identifying information in the narrative.
- ✓ For those submitting video entries, please blind all videos. For fairness, video submissions that have identifying information will be judged based on blinded narrative.
- ✓ Narrative is 5,000 characters or less, including spaces.
- ✓ The narrative of the nomination is relevant to the award category.
- ✓ Nomination submitted by October 2, 2017.

For more information

For more information regarding "I Am Patient Safety" 2018, and to see past winning entries, please visit the Authority's website at <http://patientsafety.pa.gov>. Please forward all questions, comments, or concerns to Shelly Mixell at shmixell@pa.gov.



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