The Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority (PSA) invites Pennsylvania hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities, birthing centers, abortion facilities, and long-term care facilities to submit nominations for I AM Patient Safety 2019. This is the Authority’s opportunity to recognize and celebrate healthcare professionals for their individual and/or collective commitment to and influence on patient safety. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Ambulatory Care/Surgery
- Best Use of Authority Resources
- Focus on the Patient
- Improving Diagnosis
- Individual Impact – Going Above and Beyond
- Innovation
- Long-Term Care
- Safety Story (Near Miss/Close Call)
- Transparency and Safety in Healthcare
- Video

Each nomination will be considered only for the category in which it was submitted.
Award Categories | Descriptions & Examples

AMBULATORY CARE/SURGERY
- Evolution of time-out process
- Inclusion of patient in patient safety initiative
- A team member spearheads a quality, patient-safety, or infection-prevention initiative
- Surgical-site infection (SSI) reporting initiative (innovative surveillance or capture of SSIs)

BEST USE OF AUTHORITY RESOURCES
- PSA provides support for a facility initiative
- Use PSA resources to educate staff, or in process improvement
- Observations resulting from PSA guidance or education

FOCUS ON THE PATIENT
- Facility initiative based on patient and/or family suggestion
- Use patient surveys to drive organizational change
- Include the patient/family in organizational initiatives
- Keep patients first every day
- Help a pet visit a patient
- Assist to make a special memory for a patient at the bedside
- Integrate patients and family in continuity of care and treatment

IMPROVING DIAGNOSIS
- Enhance one or more steps in the diagnostic process
- Improve communication with the patient/family regarding diagnosis or diagnostic uncertainty
- Take a team-based approach to diagnosis; include nurses, therapists, technicians, and patients
- Use IT systems to support and improve diagnosis

INDIVIDUAL IMPACT - GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND
- Everyday story, makes you say “Wow!”
- A staff member stepping outside of the comfort zone to prevent harm
- Provide exceptional patient care
- A heartfelt/memorable moment between a healthcare individual and patient
- Taking No Pass to the next level by looping back and following up on patients at a later time (I AM Patient Safety winner)

INNOVATION
- Implement novel solutions that provide value and result in positive change
- Use creative problem solving to develop a new solution for a patient safety challenge
- Apply techniques from other industries to improve patient safety in healthcare
- Use two-way radios to ensure real-time communication among staff (I AM Patient Safety winner)

LONG-TERM CARE
- Staff led patient safety initiative
- Staff identification of a safety concern
- Inclusion of residents in patient safety initiative
- Implement evidence-based practice
- Improvement in healthcare associated infection rate or other patient safety focus

SAFETY STORY (NEAR MISS OR CLOSE CALL)
- Near miss - circumstance that could have caused patient harm but didn’t http://patientsafety.pa.gov/ADVISORIES/Pages/201709_goodcatch.aspx
- Equipment issue identified and brought to leadership’s attention
- Investigate to find that tele system down throughout facility (I AM Patient Safety winner)

TRANSPARENCY AND SAFETY IN HEALTHCARE
**NEW CATEGORY FOR 2019**
- Patient engagement
- Disclosure linked to system improvement
- Integrated team approach
- Facility-wide communication of event and lessons learned
- Transparency and honesty with the patient
- Leadership commitment and involvement

VIDEO (MP4, AVI, or WMV format)
- Video/documentary to enhance patient safety, quality, or infection prevention
- Video mash-up pertaining to your organizational mission, quality, patient safety, or infection prevention
- Community message about your organization’s commitment to patient safety
- Fall prevention education using a baseball theme (I AM Patient Safety winner)
Nomination Information

- Who can submit nominations?
  - Anyone associated with a Pennsylvania healthcare facility; including hospitals, ambulatory surgery facilities, birthing centers, abortion facilities, or long-term care facilities.
  - Patients may submit at a facility’s discretion.

- Who can be nominated?
  - Individuals or groups providing services on behalf of an above listed healthcare facility.

- Blinded narrative must be included with every submission.
  - 5,000 characters or less (including spaces)
  - Describe commitment and influence to patient safety.

- Other considerations
  - One facility may submit multiple nominations.
  - A story will be submitted for only one category.
  - Changes cannot be made after submission.
  - Videos with identifying information will be judged based on blinded narrative.

- Electronic submission at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IAPS2019

Winner Recognition

- Social media winner announcement: January 9, 2019
- Published descriptions: Pennsylvania Patient Safety Advisory and Annual Report
- Online Promotions: PSA website and social media platforms
- Recognition and award presentation at Pennsylvania Patient Safety Summit (P2S2) in Seven Springs: May 2, 2019

Additional Information

- PSA website http://patientsafety.pa.gov
- Contact Kelly Gipson at kgipson@pa.gov or Shelly Mixell at shmixell@pa.gov

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS HERE:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IAPS2019

Submission Checklist

- Describe influence and commitment to patient safety in blinded narrative
- Limit to 5,000 characters or less
- Contact information of nominee(s)
- Contact information of individual to coordinate communication with PSA
- Email MP4, AVI, or WMV of video to shmixell@pa.gov