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PATIENT
SAFETY

JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS



The Patient Safety Authority thanks you for taking time to assist us with judging for our annual I AM Patient Safety Achievement Awards. This is an opportunity to recognize individuals, departments and teams from across the state and around the nation for their commitment to providing safe patient care. We hope these stories will inspire others in their journey to decrease patient harm.

This year, along with the award winners selected by our judges, we will highlight the achievements of two runners-up in each of our award categories. Recognizing these additional nominees will enable us to share even more stories and successes that may help motivate and engage others in advancing patient safety.

Scoring

The scoring will be based on the criteria listed below. The six categories have various ranges of scoring (0 = criteria not met; 10 = fully met). The points will be totaled for a potential maximum of 60 points. The higher the points, the better the score.

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned
Going Above and Beyond. Extraordinary actions or demonstration of “going the extra mile”	10	
Innovativeness. Creative solution to a challenge or unique approach	10	
Impact. Significant effect on reducing harm or improving patient care	10	
Patient-centeredness. Inclusion of patient in the initiative and/or recognition of the direct impact on patients	10	
Sustainability. Likelihood of and/or ability for continuation of the initiative	10	
Scalability. Consideration for and/or ability for others to implement this initiative on a broad scale and value in doing so	10	
Total	60	

Categories

AMBULATORY CARE/SURGERY FACILITY

- The winner will be an individual or a team who advanced surgical safety
- Examples include developing an innovative intervention to prevent surgical site infections, creating a process to prevent wrong-site surgeries, or involving patients in an improvement project

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

- 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

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

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

SEPSIS

- The winner will be an individual or a team who advanced the diagnosis or treatment of sepsis
- Examples include developing a new/better process for early recognition, creating a more robust treatment model, or implementing a successful initiative to reduce sepsis mortality

TIME-OUTS

- The winner will be an individual or a team who best used or innovated time-outs
- Examples include using a time-out to prevent an adverse event, implementing bedside/procedural time-outs, or innovating surgical time-outs

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