



11th Annual **I AM Patient Safety** Achievement Awards

Nominations Accepted Through December 16, 2023

We invite hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities, birthing centers, abortion facilities, long-term care facilities, and physician offices to nominate individuals or teams who have made a difference in patient safety for the **11th annual I AM Patient Safety Achievement Awards**.

Each year, we recognize individuals and teams for their commitment to patient safety. Our focus is on celebrating Pennsylvania healthcare workers, but our nationwide award highlights an individual, team, or facility outside the commonwealth that has made an impact.

Nominations will only be considered for a single category.

- Ambulatory Care/Surgery Facility
- Improving Diagnosis
- Individual Impact
- Long-Term Care Facility
- Nationwide Warriors
- Physician Offices
- Safety Story
- Sepsis
- Time-Outs
- Transparency and Safety in Healthcare

Submit a Nomination!

Award Categories | Descriptions & Examples

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, and 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
- 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 medical offices independently licensed or part of a larger health system
- The winner will be an individual or a 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 an individual or a team who intervened before an injury occurred
- Examples include reporting an event that catalyzed facilitywide 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, and 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, and 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

Prepare for Submission

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