7th Annual

I AM Patient Safety
Achievement Awards

Key Dates

Nomination Period: November 1 - 29, 2019
Winner Announcement: February 2020
P2S2 Award Celebration: April 28, 2020

We invite Pennsylvania acute care and LTC facilities to submit nominations for the 7th annual **I AM Patient Safety Achievement Awards**. Each year, we recognize and celebrate healthcare professionals for their individual and/or team commitment to improving patient safety. *Nominations will only be considered for a single category.*

- Ambulatory Surgery Facility
- Focus on the Patient
- Improving Diagnosis
- Individual Impact
- Innovation
- Long-Term Care Facility
- Safety Story (Near Miss/Close Call)
- Transparency and Safety

Nominate a Patient Safety Hero at:
PatientSafety.pa.gov

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Award Categories | Descriptions & Examples

AMBULATORY SURGERY FACILITY *separately licensed*
- Advanced the time-out process
- Included patients in improvement project
- Spearheaded a quality, patient safety, or infection prevention initiative
- Innovated prevention of surgical site infections

FOCUS ON THE PATIENT
- Patient/family input led to change or influenced organizational initiatives
- Patient/family integrated in continuity of care and treatment
- Developed process to identify patients who are high risk for suicide

IMPROVING DIAGNOSIS
- Enhanced the diagnostic process
- Improved patient/family communication around the diagnostic process
- Expanded diagnostic team with non-providers, e.g., nurses, therapists, techs, and patients
- Developed IT solutions to improve diagnosis
- Improved diagnosis and management of medical conditions

INDIVIDUAL IMPACT - GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND
- Everyday story that makes you say "Wow!"
- Stepped outside their comfort zone to put the patient first or provided exceptional patient care
- Made a heartfelt moment for a patient
- Created a fun/innovative patient atmosphere

INNOVATION
- Implemented novel solution to address patient safety challenges
- Applied techniques from other industries to improve patient safety
- Developed new patient safety device/process

LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY *separately licensed*
- Identified a safety concern
- Led a patient safety initiative
- Involved residents in patient safety project
- Implemented evidence-based practice
- Improved healthcare associated infection rate or other patient safety focus
- Initiated new program/process to prevent infections

SAFETY STORY (NEAR MISS OR CLOSE CALL)
- Near miss - circumstance that could have caused patient harm but didn't
- Catalyst for facility-wide initiative
- New inspection process developed after equipment failure

TRANSPARENCY AND SAFETY IN HEALTHCARE
- Willing transparency to advance patient safety
- Process to link disclosure and system improvement to minimize patient harm
- Integrated team approach
- Communicated events and lessons learned with patients, staff, and other facilities
- Leadership commitment and involvement

Prepare for Submission

- ❑ Name of person(s) or department being nominated
- ❑ Narrative description of patient safety story
  - o 5,000 characters or less
  - o No identifiers
- ❑ Submission category
- ❑ Contact information of submitter(s)
- ❑ Contact information of individual(s) to coordinate future communication with PSA