The Illinois Hospital Association’s (IHA) Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality (The Institute) second annual Quality Excellence Achievement Awards recognizes and celebrates the achievements of Illinois hospitals that are committed to transforming Illinois health care through innovative approaches and best practices.

From 67 submissions representing 40 hospitals, awards were presented to a total of eight hospitals in two categories: urban and rural/critical access. The two award recipients and six finalists, who were honored at IHA’s annual Leadership Summit, were selected by a panel of 30 nationally-recognized quality improvement leaders based on their achievement and progress in advancing one or more elements of the Institute of Medicine’s six aims for improvement:

- Safety
- Effectiveness
- Timeliness
- Efficiency
- Equity
- Patient-centered care

To share these initiatives among members, The Institute has published this compendium that provides a synopsis of all award entries along with contact information for additional details. The compendium receives national exposure by being featured annually on the Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence (HPOE), an AHA affiliate, website.
Call for Entries
May 2013

Be sure to watch for this opportunity to be recognized and celebrated for your hospital’s achievements in advancing patient care.
Award Recipients
Award category—Rural/Critical Access

Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital, Dixon

*Streamlining the Intake Process of Cardiac Patients in the Emergency Department*

Award category—Urban

OSF Healthcare System, Peoria

*Improving Obstetrical Care Through Organizational Collaboration*

The following pages contain summaries of the award recipients’ projects.
Award Finalists
AWARD FINALISTS

Rural/Critical Access category

**Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services, Gibson City**  
Reduce Medication Errors Through the Implementation of Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE), Medication Bar Coding and Smart Pump Technology

**Graham Health System, Canton**  
Intensive Care Management

**St. Mary’s Hospital, Centralia**  
Reducing Readmissions CQI+ Team—Implementing Change Through the IHA Project RED Collaborative

Urban category

**Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital, Oak Lawn**  
Utilization of an Interdisciplinary Team Approach for the Care of Infants with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS)—The Ideal Quality Improvement Collaboration

**Alexian Brothers Health System, Arlington Heights**  
Improvement in Patient Safety and Quality of Inpatient Care Through Appropriate Blood Product Management

**Holy Family Medical Center, Des Plaines**  
Collaborative Approach to Reduce Health Care-Acquired Clostridium difficile Infection Rate in a Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH)

The following pages contain summaries of the award finalists’ projects.
AWARD FINALIST – Urban category
Medication Administration

Hospital/System: Holy Family Medical Center, Des Plaines
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Project Title: Collaborative Approach to Reduce Health Care-Acquired Clostridium difficile Infection Rate in a Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH)

Summary: The medical center’s mission was to reduce the C. difficile rate from 26.7 cases per 10,000 patient days to a rate below 12.1. A multidisciplinary team was formed that utilized the PDSA cycle to evaluate and implement a plan of action.

Improvement interventions began with the team evaluating and then developing and revising the room cleaning procedures. Employees were re-trained in the correct use of the required PPE and proper hand hygiene. A physician champion informed the medical staff of the team’s progress and emphasized their role in reducing C. diff infections. Families and visitors were involved in the “Help Stop the Spread of Infection Program.”

FY2012 continues to show a decreasing trend with a rate of 7.4 cases per 10,000 patient days.

Website: http://holyfamilymedicalcenter.reshealth.org/sub_hfmc