Delivering Quality with Distinction

2012 Quality Excellence Achievement Awards Compendium

Recognizing Illinois Hospitals and Health Systems Leading in Quality and Transformative Health Care

IHA Illinois Hospital Association

The Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality
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
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 – Rural/Critical Access category
Readmission Prevention

Hospital/System: St. Mary’s Hospital, Centralia

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Project Title: Reducing Readmissions CQI+ Team—Implementing Change Through the IHA Project RED Collaborative

Summary: The all-cause 30-day readmission rates for the hospital are higher than both the state and national average for all three quality indicators (AMI, CHF and community-acquired pneumonia). In January 2011, the hospital started a new CQI+ team to implement the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA) Project Re-Engineering Discharge (RED) Collaborative.

Working through the CQI process steps, sub-teams created process maps for each of the six target areas: medication reconciliation, patient/family education, internal and external communication, after-discharge follow-up, discharge instructions, and RED implementation.

Patient follow-up included a minimum of five phone calls during the 30-day post-discharge period. Health coaches generally make one home visit and often attend physician appointments with the patient in order to create seamless care coordination and ensure that the discharge plan of care is carried out. As a result, readmission rates in all categories are trending downward.

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