



THE HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION
Building Partnerships For Better Health Care

The Health Care Improvement Foundation 2010 Delaware Valley Patient Safety Award

ENTRY CRITERIA

Award Description:

The Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF) supports innovative efforts to improve healthcare services and enhance public trust and confidence in the region's healthcare delivery system through the promotion of best practices in patient safety in the Delaware Valley. The Delaware Valley Patient Safety Award honors organizations that have made a significant contribution to patient safety. Initiatives which demonstrate progress in improving patient safety with an emphasis on leadership and organizational commitment, innovation, sustainability, and have the potential of being replicated at other organizations will be chosen.

Eligibility:

- Entries from healthcare organizations in Southeastern PA from across the continuum will be accepted, and may include acute care hospitals, long term care facilities, LTAC's, hospice and home health agencies, rehabilitation facilities, ambulatory facilities and sub-acute care facilities.
- Entries will be accepted only from HCIF-contributing organizations. **Organizations are advised to check http://www.hcifonline.org/section/aboutus/hcif_contributors for the list of contributors PRIOR to submitting an entry.** New contributors are eligible for the 2010 award program if their contributions are received by July 31, 2010.
- Only recent initiatives that demonstrate sustainable results (January 2009-current) are eligible for consideration.
- Significant and sustained improvement;
- Leadership and organizational commitment;
- Multi-disciplinary approach;
- Innovation; and
- Potential of being replicated at other organizations.

Entry Instructions and Deadline:

- Only electronic copies of the Entry Form, abstract and entry will be accepted. An electronic copy of the Entry Form is available online at <http://www.hcifonline.org>. Please send entries to the attention of Natalie Buffone, Health Care Improvement Foundation, at nbuffone@hcifonline.org.
- **Each entry must be blinded (except for the Entry Form).** Do not include the organization name or any identifying information in the submission or appendices. You can blind your entry by either completely blocking out your organization's name or using substitute wording such as "the organization", etc.
- **The deadline for receipt of nominations is August 4, 2010.**

Submission Requirements:

- Entry Form
- An abstract (no more than 250 words) that summarizes the initiative
- Entries of no more than four pages (excluding appendices), single-spaced, that describe the following:
 - Title
 - Goals
 - Baseline data
 - Interventions
 - Results (Organizations are encouraged to demonstrate statistical significance.)
 - How this initiative can be replicated throughout the region
- No more than three additional pages of appendices (i.e., data tables and graphs) will be accepted.
- Organizations may submit multiple entries.

Recognition:

- All entries will be considered for inclusion on HCIF's website and highlighted as some of the region's best practices. *All entries become the property of the Health Care Improvement Foundation and may be freely disseminated in HCIF publications and web resources.*
- Award winners will be recognized at the November 5, 2010 Delaware Valley Healthcare Council Annual Meeting; featured in an HCIF press release; and awarded a grant in the amount specified below to promote patient safety initiatives:
 - First place: \$5,000
 - Second place: \$2,500
 - Third place: \$1,000

Judging:

Entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges comprised of patient safety leaders from the health care community in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Entries will be assigned scores that are based on evidence of the following:



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ENTRY FORM

TITLE OF INITIATIVE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

<u>CONTACT INFORMATION</u>	
Name:	
Title:	
Address:	
E-mail:	
Phone:	

Only electronic copies of the Entry Form, Abstract, and Submission will be accepted.

The Entry Criteria and Entry Form are also available at <http://www.hcifonline.org>.

Please send submissions to:

Natalie Buffone, Health Care Improvement Foundation, at
nbuffone@hcifonline.org

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A confirmation email will be sent within 10 business days of receiving the entry materials.