



THE HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION
Building Partnerships For Better Health Care

The Health Care Improvement Foundation 2009 Delaware Valley Patient Safety Award

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Award Description:

The Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF) supports innovative efforts to improve health 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:

- Nominations are accepted from healthcare organizations in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Organizations may include acute care hospitals, long term care facilities, LTAC's, hospice and home health agencies, rehabilitation facilities, ambulatory facilities and subacute care facilities.
- Only recent initiatives that demonstrate sustainable results (January 2008-current) are eligible for consideration.

Submission Requirements:

- Nomination Form
- An abstract (no more than 250 words) that summarizes the initiative
- Entries should be no more than four pages (excluding appendices) that describe the following:
 - Title
 - Goals
 - Baseline data
 - Interventions
 - Results
 - How this initiative may be replicated throughout the region
- Appendices (i.e., data tables and graphs) are accepted;
- Organizations may submit multiple entries.

Judging:

All nominations will be reviewed by a panel of judges comprised of representatives from the health care community in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Nominations will be assigned scores, based on evidence of the following:

- Significant and sustained improvement;
- leadership and organizational commitment;
- innovation;
- potential of being replicated at other organizations.

Entry Instructions and Deadline:

- Only electronic copies of the Nomination Form, abstract and entry will be accepted. An electronic copy of the Nomination 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 Nomination Form).** Do not include the organization name or any identifying information in the submission or appendices. You can blind your entry by either blocking out your organization's name or using substitute wording such as "the organization", "our hospital", etc.
- **The deadline for receipt of nominations is August 4, 2009.**

Recognition:

- All nominations 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.*
- The award winner will be recognized at the October 23, 2009 Delaware Valley Healthcare Council Annual Meeting; featured in an HCIF press release; and awarded with a \$5,000 grant to promote its patient safety initiatives.



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TITLE OF INITIATIVE: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION			
Name:		Address:	
Title:		City, State, Zip:	
Organization:		Phone:	
E-mail:		Fax:	

TEAM MEMBERS (please list names and titles):

Only electronic copies of the Nomination Form, Abstract, and Entry will be accepted.
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Please send to:
Natalie Buffone, Health Care Improvement Foundation, at
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A confirmation e-mail will be sent within 10 business days of receiving the nomination materials.