

Call for Entries 2020 Delaware Valley Patient Safety & Quality Award



A Letter from HCIF President: Wendy Nickel

The Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF) is proud to have hosted the Delaware Valley Patient Safety and Quality Award for the past eighteen years. The Award program is one of the unique ways in which HCIF promotes and disseminates best practices in health care patient safety and quality throughout the region. At HCIF, we are committed to supporting a healthcare system that is just, equitable, and high quality. This year, we are expanding our call for submissions and invite improvement teams to submit their most innovative patient safety and quality improvement initiatives, including but not limited to exemplar COVID-19 response efforts, projects that include patient participation, and/or programs that address disparities in health outcomes. Note that we have delayed this year's program to Fall 2020 in order to acknowledge organizational efforts in fighting the pandemic and provide an opportunity to showcase best practices and results.

Organizations that contribute to HCIF's Partnership in Patient Care (PPC) programs—whether freestanding or within a multi-entity system—are eligible to submit up to 4 entries for projects undertaken at each site. In addition, a healthcare system may submit up to 4 entries for system-wide projects that span multiple sites. All entries will be submitted via a web-based platform and will be judged on specific criteria (outlined on page two), including effective demonstration of collaboration and innovation among hospitals, providers, and other partners across the continuum of care. We are again inviting clinical, quality/safety, and administrative leaders from the region's healthcare organizations to serve as judges and participate in the initial review of award entries in February 2021.

Winning entries will be recognized at HCIF's annual PPC Leadership Summit in 2021, a webinar series, and awarded grants to support Patient Safety Initiatives. Please note all entries may be freely disseminated in HCIF publications and web resources. If you have any questions about this year's award process, please contact Liz Owens, Project Manager, at eowens@hcfonline.org or 215.575.3738.

Sincerely,
Wendy Nickel, MPH
President
Health Care Improvement Foundation

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Nickel".



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Entry Criteria

The Delaware Valley Patient Safety & Quality Award is an opportunity for organizations to submit their most effective patient safety and quality initiatives from the last year that include but are not limited to those yielding successful outcomes related to the COVID-19 pandemic and/or addressing health disparities.

Eligibility

Entries will be accepted only from HCIF-contributing organizations. Check <http://hcifonline.org/partnership-for-patient-care/> for the list of contributors prior to submitting an entry. If your organization is not listed but you are interested in contributing, please contact Wendy Nickel at wnickel@hcifonline.org.

- Hospitals
- Long-term Care
- LTACs
- Hospice
- Home Health Agencies
- Rehabilitation Facilities
- Sub-acute care



Only recent initiatives that demonstrate sustainable results within the last year are eligible for consideration.

Instructions & Deadline

If you are submitting multiple entries for your organization, please ensure each entry has a unique email address. The submission portal will only accept one email address.



Entries will only be accepted through online submission at:

<https://webportalapp.com/sp/hcif2020>.

Deadline for online submission is EXTENDED TO THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021 at 11:59 PM.

Submission Requirements

Entries must be de-identified. Do not include the organization name or any identifying information in the submission or appendices.

Organization names should be blocked or substituted with “the organization.”

Entries will consist of the following:

- Title (limited to 13 words)
- Abstract (limited to 250 words)
- Goals
- Baseline data and results
- Interventions and innovations



Judging

Submissions will be reviewed by administrative leaders from area hospitals. The final stage of judging will be completed by quality and patient safety experts.

Entries will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Replicability
- Innovation
- Senior leadership support
- Collaboration across continuum of care
- Achievement of significant level of improvement
- Promotion of an organizational culture of safety



Recognition

Winners will be recognized at HCIF's PPC Leadership Summit in 2021, featured in a webinar series, and awarded grants to support patient safety initiatives.



First Place \$3,000.00
Second Place \$2,000.00
Third Place \$1,000.00

Healthcare organizations/health systems with an entry in the top ten will be featured on HCIF's website and shared with HCIF's 700+ newsletter subscribers for dissemination.