2003 Quality and Patient Safety Winners

Critical Access Hospitals

1st Place  Brooks County Hospital
903 North Court Street
Quitman, GA 31643
“Improving Safety and Education”
Melanie Owens, Respiratory Care/PI Coordinator
229-263-6323 / 229-263-6335 Fax
mowens@archbold.org
LaDon Toole, Administrator

2nd Place  Higgins General Hospital
200 Allen Memorial Drive
Bremen, GA 30110
“Implementation of Night Pharmacy”
Jo Parks, Performance Improvement
770-824-2212 / 770-824-2309 Fax
jparks@tanner.org
Robbie D. Smith, Administrator

Less than 100 Beds

1st Place  Elbert Memorial Hospital
4 Medical Drive
Elberton, GA 30635
“Clinical Solutions – Omissions of IV antibiotics”
Becky Smith, RN, BSN, Director of Performance Improvement
706-213-2551 / 706-213-2510 Fax
embpi@yahoo.com
Mark LeNeave, CEO

2nd Place  Fannin Regional Hospital
2855 Old Highway 5
Blue Ridge, GA 30513
“Bad Bugs” Team Antibiotic Resistance”
Julia Barnett, RN, CIC
706-632-4252 / 706-258-4612 Fax
julia_barnett@chs.net
Barry Mousa, CEO
100 – 299 Beds

1st Place  Palmyra Medical Centers
           2000 Palmyra Road
           Albany, GA 31702-1908
           “Patient Safety Executive Walk-Arounds”
           Shawn Strash, COO
           229-434-2102 / 229-434-2563 Fax
           shawn.strash@hcahealthcare.com
           Allen Golson, CEO

2nd Place  St. Francis Hospital
Tie        2122 Manchester Exp.
           Columbus, GA 31908-7000
           “Tube or Not Tube: The Use of Immediate Non-Invasive Positive Pressure
           in Patients with Severe Respiratory Distress”
           Amanda Brown, Director of Medical Staff
           706-596-4096 / 706-660-6033 Fax
           browna@sfhga.com
           Michael E. Garrigan, President/CEO

2nd Place  Tanner Medical Center
Tie        705 Dixie Street
           Carrollton, GA 30117
           “Re-engineering a Pharmacy Department: Improving Patient Safety”
           Brett Carter, DOP
           770-836-9623 / 770-838-8194 Fax
           bcarter@tanner.org
           Loy M. Howard, President/CEO

Greater than 300 Beds

1st Place  Athens Regional Medical Center
           1199 Prince Avenue
           Athens, GA 30606-2793
           “Development of a Systematic Assessment of Flow and Error (SAFE) to
           Improve Safety”
           Steve Mayfield, Director of Quality
           706-476-5740 / 706-475-5779 Fax
           smayfield@armc.org
           Jack Drew, President
2nd Place
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
1677 Tullie Circle
Atlanta, GA 30329
“Non-Punitive Environment for Error Reporting and Disclosure”
Susan Bowen, RN, CPHQ, Director, Quality
404-785-7464 / 404-785-7478
susan.bowen@choa.org
James E. Tally, President/CEO

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2nd Place
Saint Joseph’s Hospital of Atlanta
5665 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30342-1764
“RAV” Read-back and Verify Successful Reduction of Medical Errors by Improving the Effectiveness of Caregiver Communication”
Kathy Brandeis, RN, BSN, Performance Improvement / JCAHO Coordinator
404-851-7506 / 404-851-5604 Fax
kbrandeise@sjha.org
Bonnie Phipps, President/CEO

Systems

1st Place
HCA South-East Division
12600 Deerfield Parkway, Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
“Patient Care Documentation Redesign Project”
Kavita Narayan
770-753-3902 / 770-762-5030 Fax
Kavita.Narayan@HCAhealthcare.com
Charles Evans, CEO

2nd Place
Emory Healthcare
550 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta, GA 30365
“Implementing the 2003 JCAHO National Patient Safety Goals for Surgical and Endoscopic Patients”
Barbara (Babs) Hargett, RN, MBA
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John Fox, CEO