

## 2009 QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

### CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

- First Place:** Louis Smith Memorial Hospital  
*Implementing an eMAR System in a Critical Access Hospital: Improving Medication Safety Through Technology*  
**CEO:** Neil Ginty  
**Project Leader:** Bill Wilson
- Second Place:** Lower Oconee Community Hospital  
*Fall Protocol Revision*  
**CEO:** Andy Smith  
**Project Leader:** Karen Lowther, RN

### HOSPITALS UNDER 100 BEDS

- First Place:** Habersham County Medical Center  
*Transition of Care*  
**CEO:** Richard Dwozan  
**Project Leader:** Teri Newsome
- Second Place:** Stephens County Hospital  
*Surgical Care Improvement Project*  
**CEO:** Ed Gambrell, Jr.  
**Project Leader:** Tina DeBord
- Third Place:** Grady General Hospital  
*GRITS (Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services) Reporting Compliance*  
**CEO:** LaDon Toole  
**Project Leader:** Candy Tabb, RN

### HOSPITALS WITH 100 TO 299 BEDS

- First Place:** Hughston Hospital  
*Improving SCIP Core Measure Performance*  
**CEO:** James Wheeler, FACHE  
**Project Leader:** Freya Gilbert, RN
- Second Place:** Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc.  
*"Big Dot" - Focus on Mortality Reduction*  
**CEO:** Michael Bass  
**Project Leader:** Anna Ivory
- Third Place:** Redmond Regional Medical Center  
*Reducing Patients' and Employees' Environmental and Infection Control Risks through Effective Rounding*  
**CEO:** Brenda Waltz  
**Project Leader:** Terri Aaron, RN, BSN, CIC

## **HOSPITALS WITH GREATER THAN 300 BEDS**

- First Place (Tie):** University Hospital  
*Pneumonia: Seeking Performance Excellence One Breath at a Time*  
**CEO:** Larry Read  
**Project Leader:** Heidi Nelson
- First Place (Tie):** University Hospital  
*Sepsis: Find it Fast, Treat it Faster*  
**CEO:** Larry Read  
**Project Leader:** Heidi Nelson
- Second Place:** St. Francis Hospital, Inc.  
*Implementing a STEMI Management Program to Meet New Thresholds in AMI Care*  
**CEO:** Robert Granger  
**Project Leader:** Kristie Johnson, RN
- Third Place:** St. Francis Hospital, Inc.  
*From No to Go: Implementing a Patient/Family Activated Rapid Response Team*  
**CEO:** Robert Granger  
**Project Leader:** Maggie Monahan, RN

## **HOSPITAL / HEALTH SYSTEMS**

- First Place:** Emory Healthcare  
*Saving Lives One at a Time: Achieving rapid patient rescue by partnering with all disciplines, patients, families in activating Code MET (Medical Emergency Team)*  
**CEO:** John Fox  
**Project Leader:** Cathy Wood, RN
- Second Place:** Piedmont Healthcare  
*Severe Sepsis Prevention*  
**CEO:** Tim Stack  
**Project Leader:** Leigh Hamby, MD
- Third Place:** WellStar Health System, Inc.  
*Improving Best Practice Care by Increasing Pneumococcal and Influenza Vaccination Rates for Inpatients*  
**CEO:** Gregory Simone, MD  
**Project Leader:** Amber Barrett

**JOSH NAHUM AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN INFECTION PREVENTION/ CONTROL**

**First Place:** Emory University Hospital Midtown  
*Getting to ZERO with the Development of a Nurse-Directed PICC Team*  
**CEO:** John Fox  
**Project Leader:** Valerie Croft, RNC, NIC

**Second Place:** WellStar Health System, Inc.  
*Healthcare Associated Infections: Driving to Zero Together*  
**CEO:** Gregory Simone, MD  
**Project Leader:** Marcia Delk, MD

**Third Place:** Gwinnett Health System  
*Striving for Zero MRSA*  
**CEO:** Philip Wolfe  
**Project Leader:** Marie Commiskey

**CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**Emory Healthcare**

**Habersham County Medical Center**

**Redmond Regional Medical Center**

**St. Francis Hospital, Inc.**