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.