



2021 Patient Safety & Quality Winners

CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

1st place – Effingham Health System: Maggie Hendler
Enhancing Patient Safety by Prioritizing Emergency Department Throughput

2nd place – Monroe County Hospital: Casey Fleckenstein
Decreasing Emergency Department Left Without Treatments

3rd place – Medical Center of Peach County, Navicent Health: Cheryl Trice
Persistence in the Pandemic: Maintaining Zero Hospital Associated Infections

HOSPITALS WITH LESS THAN 100 BEDS

1st place – Memorial Hospital and Manor: Jim Lambert
Community Engagement through the Georgia Heart Program for Rural Hospitals Resulting in Awareness, Support, and Better Healthcare Outcomes for our Patients

2nd place – Meadows Regional Medical Center: Michelle Cox
Scoping Out Ways to Prevent Hypoglycemic Events for Inpatients Receiving Insulin

3rd place – Meadows Regional Medical Center: Michele Mimbs
Strategic Plans that Lead to Reduction in Ventilator Associated Events

HOSPITALS WITH 100-299 BEDS

1st place – Redmond Regional Medical Center: Shelley Proctor
Huddle Up! A Safety Huddle to Improve Outcomes and Communication

2nd place – Wellstar Douglas Hospital: Jeremy Wooten
Reductions of both Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSI) & Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) within the Intensive Care Unit

3rd place – Wellstar Douglas Hospital: Kristen Barnes
The Clinical Nurse Leader Improving Heart Failure Patient Outcomes

HOSPITALS WITH GREATER THAN 300 BEDS

1st place – Emory University Hospital Midtown: Melissa Majumdar
Improving Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis Compliance among Bariatric Surgery Patients

2nd place – Augusta University Health, Children's Hospital of Georgia: Ann Hayes
Reducing the Occurrence of Postoperative Pneumonia in the Pediatric Patient Population: A Multidisciplinary Team Collaboration

3rd place – Augusta University Health, Augusta University Medical Center: Kimberly Deufel
Decreasing Door to Needle Times in Acute Stroke Patients



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SPECIALTY HOSPITALS

1st place – Shepherd Center: Marsha Hanson

Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic through the Use of Telehealth for a High-Risk Population of Patients with Complex Neurological Disorders

2nd place – Emory University Orthopaedics and Spine Hospital: Noreen O’Connor-Peyatt
At Your Disposal. A Pilot for Safely Discarding Medication in Post-Operative Patients

HOSPITALS/HEALTH SYSTEM

1st place – Emory Healthcare: Cynthia Lightner
EHC Event Review Redefined Process

2nd place – Emory Healthcare: Dr. Cynthia Oster
Fix the Roof Before It Rains: Developing Electronic Apparent Cause Analysis to Evaluate Patient Safety Events

3rd place – Wellstar Health System: Joy Peterson
Assessing the Impact of the SEP-1 Core Measure on Broad Spectrum Antibiotic Use and Patient Outcomes

JOSH NAHUM AWARD WINNERS FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

1st place – Emory University Hospital Midtown: Jill Holdsworth
Decreasing Blood Culture Contamination Rates in the Emergency Department by Using a Blood Diversion Device

2nd place – Emory University Hospital Midtown: Patricia Rainey
Triad Partnership: Forming Heros for Zero CLABSI on a Medical/Oncology Unit

3rd place – Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital: Cherith Walter
As Easy as A, B, C.diff: A Comprehensive Approach to Reducing C.difficile Infections

CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Effingham Health System
Emory University Hospital Midtown
Meadows Regional Hospital
Redmond Regional Medical Center
Wellstar Health System