



2025 Patient Safety Award Winners

CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

1st place – Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center

Rural Revival: Empowering Heart Failure Patients with Iron Deficiency Solutions

2nd place – Atrium Health Navicent Peach

Sustaining the Elimination of Hospital-Acquired Infections at AHNP

3rd place – Bacon County Hospital and Health System

CDI- A Retrospective Interdisciplinary Study to Improve the Quality and Collaboration of Patient Care

HOSPITALS WITH LESS THAN 100 BEDS

1st place – Northeast Georgia Medical Center Habersham

Flow with Purpose: Elevating ED2B Through Collaboration and Data

2nd place – Colquitt Regional Health System

Feeding the Future: Achieving Equity and Safety Through Food Resource Programs

3rd place – Northeast Georgia Medical Center Barrow

Fall Free Starts with Me

HOSPITALS WITH 100-299 BEDS

1st place – Wellstar Douglas Medical Center

Communication is Connection: Enhancing ICU Care Through a Dedicated Communication Cart

2nd place – Hamilton Medical Center

Early Recognition and Intervention for Sepsis Management

3rd place – Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center

Back to the Basics: A Quality Improvement Project to Reduce MRSA

HOSPITALS WITH GREATER THAN 300 BEDS

1st place – Emory Decatur Hospital

Waterfall Rapid Medical Evaluation (RME): Transforming Front-End Emergency Care

2nd place – Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center

Novel Use of Surgeon's Intraoperative Data Improves Patient Outcomes for Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy Surgery

3rd place – SGMC Health

Transforming Environmental Services for Better Patient Satisfaction and Safety

HEALTH SYSTEMS

1st place – Wellstar Health System

Empowering Future Nurses: Implementing a Dedicated Education Unit Model

2nd place – Emory Healthcare

Pathway to Excellence: A Systemwide Journey to Mortality Reduction and Safer Care

3rd place – Atrium Health Floyd

Advancing Medical Education Through Quality Improvement and Interdisciplinary Collaboration

SPECIALTY

1st place – Wellstar Windy Hill

Tik Tok... Time is Ticking: A Review of an Advanced Certified Ambulatory Surgery Center's Approach to Reducing Patients' Length of Stay

2nd place – Shepherd Center

Workflow-Driven Improvements in Modified Diet Monitoring and Documentation

3rd place – Shepherd Center

Turning the Tide on Pressure Injuries: A Multidisciplinary Approach Through PDSA Cycles

Josh Nahum Award for Infection Prevention and Control

1st place – Crisp Regional Hospital

Right Test, Right Time: Strengthening Infection Control Through Stewardship

2nd place – SGMC Health

Improving Patient Safety: Impact of Staff Re-Education and Epic Order Set Optimization on C.difficile Infection Rates

3rd place – Northeast Georgia Medical Center Gainesville

Improving Healthcare-Acquired Infection Outcomes Through Enhanced Data Visibility

Circle of Excellence Award

Atrium Health Floyd

Colquitt Regional Health System

Crisp Regional Hospital

Emory Healthcare

Northeast Georgia Medical Center Habersham

Wellstar Douglas Medical Center

Wellstar Health System

Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center

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