

Patient Safety Service and Leadership Award - 2019 Nomination Form

For questions about submitting a nomination for the award, contact Casey Hutchens at chutchens@IHAconnect.org.



Overview

The Indiana Patient Safety Center (IPSC) has established the annual Patient Safety Awards to recognize individuals, groups and organizations who have helped bring Indiana closer to the goal of zero patient harms. These awards will honor commitment and enthusiasm for improving patient safety in hospitals and communities across the state.

The Patient Safety Service & Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has shown exemplary service and has gone above and beyond to improve patient safety within his or her hospital, health system, regional patient safety coalition or professional organization. Winners will demonstrate exceptional dedication to patient safety through strong involvement in their organization's initiatives, the ability to rally others in their organization to participate in patient safety initiatives or other significant contributions to decreasing patient harms and readmissions.

Submit your nomination by filling out the following form and submitting a brief narrative. Supporting documents may be attached to enhance your nomination.

The nomination period is open from Feb. 25 to April 8. Nominations will be carefully considered by a committee of health care professionals and patient safety advocates, with winners announced at the Patient Safety Summit June 4.

2018 Winner: Tim Hobbs, MD, MBA, Executive Vice President for Clinical Transformation at Community Health Network

Dr. Time Hobbs, Executive Vice President for Clinical Transformation at Community Health Network, received the 2018 Patient Safety Service & Leadership Award for over forty years of advancing quality improvement within health care. As Community Health Network's Executive Vice President for Clinical Transformation, Dr. Hobbs has led a network-wide approach to safety and quality improvement efforts from the Board of Directors to front line providers. Dr. Hobbs' efforts have created hardwired processes that have engaged caregivers in developing systems based improvements to advance patient care, reduce unnecessary costs, and save lives.

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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

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NOMINATION REASONING 

Please write a brief narrative below that describes why this nominee deserves to be recognized. Please incorporate the answers to the following questions in your narrative based on the award you indicated above.

Write response here *

For the purpose of this narrative a leader shall be defined as someone who has followers/believers who are able to empower, has the capacity to translate the vision into reality, and they understand and embody the idea that it is a process of social influence, which maximizes the efforts of others, towards the achievement of a goal. There are certain traits one must possess to be a high quality leader, honesty, focus, passion, respect, confidence, compassion, engagement, integrity, humility and self-awareness. Paula possesses all of these qualities with so much grace. Paula has never lost sight of our organization's mission and vision and demonstrates commitment to "serving all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable."

PATIENT SAFETY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Please complete all questions below

How has this individual shown exemplary service and/or leadership in patient safety? *

Whenever events are discussed or issues are brought up, Paula consistently takes patient safety factors into account. She steers her staff to consider things from a patient's perspective. She participates in HIIN projects and keeps her staff updated on the newest research and evidence-based practice.

What initiatives has this individual led, or what contributions has he/she made to the patient safety culture in his/her organization? *

Paula has participated in numerous safe patient handling discussions, has led and facilitated discussions on optimizing patient safety policies and compliance; she managed all the hospital acquired event work teams in the past, has championed fall prevention initiatives, co-sponsored the creation of Quality Day and Unit Rounding, helped create a process for patient safety event huddles, manages and oversees third party surveyor visits and takes lead in efforts to respond to patient complaints.

What improvements have been made or changes have come about as a result of this individual's efforts? *

Hospital acquired event reductions across the board, introduced better processes of safe patient handling and devices into our environment, standardized our event huddle process, manages up her direct reports and empowers her staff to go the extra mile.

How does this individual empower others to make patient safety a priority? *

Paula has developed relationships in most specialties involved with care of our patients. She continues to connect her staff with the necessary resources in order to troubleshoot problems and find solutions. She always takes the time to explore a problem with her staff and pulls in other resources as needed. Paula sets the expectation for her staff to participate in conferences and pursue advanced degrees and certifications.

How has this individual led by example, adhering to patient safety practices on a daily basis? *

When rounding on quality day, Paula never hesitates to mention things she may notice on a unit that pertain to patient safety or environment of care. She does so in a nonthreatening way by partnering with department leaders to address any and all issues and practices and offers creative solutions. Paula is a consistent advocate for a compassionate and just society through our actions and our words.

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