



Quality & Patient Safety Awards Nomination

The Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA) Patient Safety Committee is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2021 Quality and Patient Safety Awards. The nominees will represent individuals and teams taking progressive and effective steps to improve patient care and outcomes. During these challenging times, taking a moment to acknowledge the great work taking place can be most meaningful.

The ASHNHA Patient Safety Committee works on behalf of Alaska hospitals and nursing homes to emphasize the importance of high-quality patient care programs, foster a culture of patient safety, and support sustainable improvements in quality and patient safety. The 2021 Quality and Patient Safety Awards are intended to encourage, recognize, and reward those qualities.

How to Submit a Nomination

1. Choose the award category or categories for which you wish to nominate an individual, group or facility.
2. One nomination per category, per facility will be accepted. If more than one is received, ASHNHA will contact the facility and request one nomination be selected to move forward.
3. Complete the nomination form (attached).
4. Include a statement (2 pages/500 words max) about why the nominee deserves the award.
5. Include a picture of the individual, the team, or project with your response.
6. Email the nomination form, picture(s) & supporting documents to PatientSafetyAwards@ASHNHA.com no later than July 31, 2021.

Timeline

- Nominations open: July 1, 2021.
- Deadline to receive nominations: July 31, 2021.
- Winners notified by August 6th, 2021.
- Awards to be presented at the ASHNHA Annual Conference September 23, 2021.

Judging Criteria – All Awards

- ≈ Nominations must be patient safety related and focused around quality relevant to delivery of healthcare, or in a healthcare setting.
- ≈ The nomination includes references to reliable, measurable baseline and performance data with demonstrated improvement in patient safety.
- ≈ Examples below are not all-inclusive; they are provided to stimulate ideas for nominations.
- ≈ Only one nomination per category/per facility will be reviewed.

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Quality & Patient Safety Awards

1. *The Golden Stethoscope Award*

Description and Eligibility

The Golden Stethoscope Award recognizes a healthcare advance practice provider or physician who consistently demonstrates his/her commitment to supporting and/or leading efforts that result in measurable improvements in the delivery of safe patient care.

Examples

- ≈ Active participation/engagement on facility-based patient safety committees.
- ≈ Collaboration with facility personnel in developing protocols and / or care plans that include patient safety measures.
- ≈ Active surveillance and reporting of safety concerns; brings forth suggestions for improvement.
- ≈ Willingness to educate/ reinforce messages regarding patient safety with employees, patients, family, and community members as needed.
- ≈ Serves as a role model and example for other providers to follow, such as holding “crucial conversations” with peers as needed.
- ≈ Consistently demonstrates the principles of high reliability.

2. *Front-Line Staff Outstanding Performance Award*

Description and Eligibility

The Front-Line Staff Outstanding Performance Award recognizes an individual or team at an Alaskan hospital or nursing home that has demonstrated *above and beyond* safety related performance in the workplace. The nomination may describe a system or process improvement, or noteworthy front-line staff performance of safety practices.

Examples

- ≈ Volunteering to take on additional patient safety project(s).
- ≈ Teambuilding activities that empower and encourage others, resulting in increased patient safety.
- ≈ Front-line staff ingenuity that solves organizational level challenges.
- ≈ Engagement in lean projects focused on patient safety issues.
- ≈ Development, implementation, and spread of an effective process to decrease workplace violence.
- ≈ The nominee has been instrumental in the implementation of a major process improvement measure around high reliability.
- ≈ Helping other staff improve workspace and environment.

3. Innovation in Transformation of Patient Safety and Quality, High Reliability Award

Description and Eligibility

The Innovation in Transformation Awards recognizes hospitals and/or nursing homes that have developed and addressed patient family engagement or implemented innovative patient safety and/or quality process, project, or program, with measurably improved outcomes and/or have hardwired in a quality processes, project, or program, resulting in consistent high reliability in reduction of patient harm. As well, projects will be considered that have improved patient safety/high reliability through addressing social determinants of health / health equity.

Award Categories

- Hospitals and Nursing Homes: ≤25 beds (2 awards; hospital and nursing home)
- Hospitals and Nursing Homes: >25 beds (2 awards; hospital and nursing home)

Examples

- ≈ Engaging patients and families to improve outcomes.
- ≈ Eliminating bed alarms by substituting other best practices.
- ≈ Electronic health record utilization for effective change.
- ≈ Care transition practices linking hospitals and nursing homes.
- ≈ Systematic reductions in harm resulting from initiation of clinical bundles.
- ≈ Implementing coordinated strategies that impact work across different sectors helping communities with social, economic, and environmental barriers that lead to poor health outcomes and health disparities.
- ≈ Patient care strategies which rely on data about patients' social risks to adapt medical care or improve patients' social circumstances directly.
- ≈ Example: <https://www.precheck.com/blog/5-patient-safety-success-stories-in-healthcare>

ASHNHA Quality & Patient Safety Awards**2021 NOMINATION FORM**

THE INDIVIDUAL/TEAM/ORGANIZATION YOU ARE NOMINATING (Nominee)		YOU (Nominator)	
Name of the Nominee		Your Name	
Organization		Organization	
Position		Position	
Address		Address	
Telephone		Telephone	
E-mail		E-mail	
		Please indicate your connection with the nominee	
		Who should we contact if the nominee is selected?	
		Nominee <input type="checkbox"/> Nominator <input type="checkbox"/>	

Choose Award Category

1. The Golden Stethoscope Award
2. Front-line Staff Outstanding Performance Award
3. Innovation in Transformation of Patient Safety and Quality, High Reliability Award
 - a. Type of facility: Hospital or Nursing home
 - b. Size: ≤ 25 beds or > 25 beds

Nomination Statement (maximum 500 words or two pages, plus supporting data/graphs as applicable)

Please attach a statement about why you have nominated this person, team, hospital, or nursing home. Nominations must be patient safety related and relevant to delivery of healthcare, and include **references to reliable, measurable baseline performance data with demonstrated improvement in patient safety**. Describe how the nominee meets specific award criteria including any measurable outcomes (qualitative or quantitative). Include details if practices described have been shared and/“spread” beyond the initial nominee, team, or facility.

Submission Review: (You may print and scan all documents together into one file and attach to the email, combine as one adobe pdf file, or attach each section as separate document within your email.)

- 2021 Nomination Form
- Nomination statement
- Supporting documents (graphs/charts)
- A picture of the team, individual or project

Nominator Signature _____ Date _____

Send via email, completed nomination form by July 31, 2021 COB to the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association – PatientSafetyAwards@ASHNHA.com