Maryland Patient Safety Center Announces
Patient Safety Innovation Award Winners for 2013

Western Maryland Health System, MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center and others honored for their contributions to improving healthcare safety

Baltimore, MD – April 23, 2013- The Maryland Patient Safety Center recently announced Western Maryland Medical System has won the 2013 Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation and MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center has won the 2013 Distinguished Achievement Award in Patient Safety Innovation. The two institutions were recognized along with eight Circle of Honor Award recipients at a special ceremony on April 4, 2013 at The Center Club that featured a keynote address from former Mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani.

“Both Western Maryland and MedStar Franklin Square should be commended for the creative and practical solutions they have found to overcome significant barriers to patient safety,” said Robert Imhoff, President & CEO of the Maryland Patient Safety Center. “We are proud to honor these two excellent providers and congratulate all of the organizations that submitted solutions to be considered. Healthcare professionals throughout the state are passionate about improving patient safety and sharing their knowledge with others.”

The Minogue Award was created by the Maryland Patient Safety Center Board of Directors (MPSC) to recognize an organization within the state that has made a demonstrable difference in patient safety through an innovative Solution. It is named for MPSC’s first President and Executive Director William Minogue, MD, FACP, to honor his enduring contributions and passion for improving patient care and safety.

Western Maryland Health System’s (WMHS) winning submission was entitled – D2B: A Rural Community’s Story – Shifting Cath Lab Activation for Acute MI to EMS First Responders. It outlined highly impactful solutions WMHS implemented as a rural healthcare provider to ensure cardiac patients arriving via ambulance were not receiving care as quickly as patients arriving by private transportation.

MedStar Franklin Square was awarded Distinguished Achievement in Patient Safety Innovation for their submission – The Golden Hour: Neonatal Resuscitation During the First Hour of Life. The team at Franklin Square shared new techniques and process changes they implemented to improve morbidity and decrease mortality in premature infants.
Giuliani praised all of the award winners in his remarks for their accomplishments and encouraged them in the work that is still ahead of them.

“As the way healthcare is administered and the way it is paid for continues to change, offering quality and safe care will become a bigger challenge,” said Giuliani. “Patient Safety innovators like you will play a critical role in leading the way to make the best use of resources you have available to give patients the care they need in safe and effective manner,” he added.

Eight other submissions were recognized that evening with Circle of Honor Awards for Patient Safety Innovation:

- Preventing CAUTI
  Anne Arundel Medical Center

- Patient Care Facilitator: Putting the Pieces Together
  Meritus Medical Center

- Know, Show and Go
  Greater Baltimore Medical Center

- Acute Care Transfer Review Team
  Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland

- Dose Edge®: A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words
  University of Maryland Medical Center

- Hand Washing Collaborative: Pulling Service Lines Together in the Emergency Department
  Sinai Hospital of Baltimore

- Lean Daily Management: Hand Hygiene
  Greater Baltimore Medical Center

- Pre-Admission Cutaneous Chlorhexidine Preparation Reduces Surgical Site Infections in Total Hip Arthroplasty
  Sinai Hospital of Baltimore

About The Maryland Patient Safety Center
The Maryland Patient Safety Center brings together hospitals and health care providers to improve patient safety and healthcare quality for all Marylanders. The goal of the Center is to make healthcare in Maryland the safest in the nation by focusing on the systems of care, reducing the occurrence of adverse events, and improving the culture of patient safety at Maryland health care facilities. For more information, visit www.marylandpatientsafetycenter.org.