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Maryland Patient Safety Center Announces
2014 Patient Safety Innovation Award Winners

University of Maryland Charles Regional, Harford Memorial Medical Centers Take Top Honors

Elkridge, MD – December 18, 2013 - The Maryland Patient Safety Center (Center) announced that the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center has won the 2014 Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation and that University of Maryland Harford Memorial Hospital has won the 2014 Distinguished Achievement Award in Patient Safety Innovation.

A panel of independent judges who are leaders in the Maryland healthcare community selected the winners from 79 total submissions. The two winners will be asked to present at the 10th Annual Patient Safety Conference on March 21, 2014 at the Gaylord Hotel in National Harbor, and all winners will be recognized at a reception at the same hotel the evening of Thursday, March 20.

“We commend both the University of Maryland Charles Regional and University of Maryland Harford Memorial Hospital for developing creative and practical solutions to overcome patient safety barriers,” said Robert Imhoff, President & CEO of the Maryland Patient Safety Center. “We’re proud to honor them and to congratulate all of the organizations that submitted solutions. These winners indicate just how committed healthcare professionals throughout the state are to improving patient safety.”

The Minogue Award was created by the 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 the Center’s first President and Executive Director, William Minogue, MD, FACP, to honor his enduring contributions to and passion for improving patient care and safety.

University of Maryland Charles Regional’s winning submission was entitled Improving Sepsis Outcomes Through Coordinated Early Recognition, Assessment and Treatment. This medical center improved survival rates for patients with life-threatening sepsis by 9.8% using a team approach to develop evidence-based guidelines for early recognition, assessment and treatment.

University of Maryland Harford Memorial Hospital received the Distinguished Achievement award for their submission, Using IMPRV Methodology to Decrease Door-to-Needle Time in Stroke Patients. They decreased by 38 minutes delivery times of tPA, a drug associated with lower mortality in acute stroke patients. They formed a work group that used the IMPRV method, which incorporates improvement tools found in Lean, Six Sigma, Change and Project Management approaches.
Eight other submissions will receive Circle of Honor awards on March 20, 2014:

- Clinical Decision Unit: Increasing Collaboration to Reduce Variability and Expedite Care
  Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

- Using the Evolution of Data Collection Methods “2” Drive the Revolution in the Reduction of Hospital
  Acquired Pressure Ulcers
  Atlantic General Hospital

- Predicting Care Using Informatics
  Peninsula Regional Medical Center

- Got Milk? 100% Human Milk Diet
  Sinai Hospital of Baltimore

- Ambulance Immediate Offload Project: Leading to Increased Safety and Improved Care for the Entire
  Community
  Sinai Hospital of Baltimore

- Reduction of Peripheral Vascular Bypass Infections in the Vascular Operating Room
  MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center

- Knowledge is Power: Hospital’s Quest to Fight Sepsis
  Frederick Memorial Hospital

- Resident Safety Rounds: Teamwork Beats Inexperience in Resident Safety Tug of War
  Greater Baltimore Medical Center

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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

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