

## 2015 Minogue Awards Release



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### **Maryland Patient Safety Center Names 2015 Winners of Patient Safety Innovation Awards**

**Elkridge, MD – January 22, 2015** - The Maryland Patient Safety Center (Center) announced that Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) has received the 2015 Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation, and that Western Maryland Health System received the Distinguished Achievement award. Eight other providers were named Circle of Honor winners.

The winners were selected from a total of 74 excellent submissions by a panel of independent judges who are leaders in the Maryland healthcare community. The two top winners will be asked to present at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Patient Safety Conference on March 31, 2015 at the Hilton Baltimore, and all winners will be recognized at a reception at the same hotel the evening of March 30.

“These medical centers developed innovative solutions to patient safety issues, from improving communications by installing whiteboards in patient rooms to initiatives that address issues related to medication safety and the changing healthcare environment,” said Robert Imhoff, President & CEO of the Maryland Patient Safety Center. “We congratulate our winners; its efforts like these that help Maryland healthcare providers make great strides in improving patient safety.”

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, The Minogue Award was created by the Center Board of Directors to recognize an organization within the state that has made a demonstrable difference in patient safety through an innovative solution.

AAMC’s winning entry was entitled, “Patient and Family Centered Inpatient Room Whiteboards: Engaging Patients in Their Care.” Runner up Western Maryland Health System submitted an entry called “Meeting the Challenge of Health Care Change.”

Eight other submissions will receive Circle of Honor awards on March 30, 2015:

1. Franklin Square Medical Center: *Sustaining Hand Hygiene and Patient Equipment Cleaning with a Staff Accountability Model*
2. Sheppard Pratt Health System: *Lean Methodology: Appropriate Anti-psychotic Use on an Inpatient Dementia Unit*
3. AAMC: *Managing the Complexity of Medication Reconciliation*

4. University of Maryland Medical Center, Department of Pharmacy: *Impact of a Physician and Pharmacist Collaborative Practice Agreement on Clinical Care and Economic*
5. AAMC: *Effective Patient Fall Reduction Initiative on an Inpatient Oncology Unit*
6. Atlantic General Hospital: *Closing the Medication Safety Loop across the Care Continuum: Fitting the Pieces Together to Create the Final Picture*
7. University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health: *Screening Can Improve Identification of Depression in Hospitalized Congestive Heart Failure Patients*
8. The Hebrew Home of Greater Washington: *Improving the Safety of Dementia Care by Reducing the use of Antipsychotic Medication in the Long-Term Care Setting*

#### **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](http://www.marylandpatientsafetycenter.org).