



Maryland Patient Safety Center Names Winners of Patient Safety Innovation Awards for 2018

Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center and Anne Arundel Medical Center Take Home Top Honors

Elkridge, MD – March 20, 2018 - The Maryland Patient Safety Center recently announced that the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center has been named the recipient of the 2018 Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation. Their award winning program was entitled *S.T.A.R.T. with the patient: A safe transition and risk assessment tool*. Anne Arundel Medical Center has been named the recipient of the Distinguished Achievement in Patient Safety Innovation Award for their program entitled *Reducing opioid prescribing: A health system responds to an epidemic*.

Eight other hospitals were named Circle of Honor winners.

The winners were selected by a panel of independent judges who are leaders in the Maryland healthcare community. The two top awards will be presented at the 14th Annual Maryland Patient Safety Conference on April 13, 2018 at the Hilton Baltimore. All winners, including the Circle of Honor for Patient Safety Innovation recipients, which honor and recognize other top solutions in healthcare, will be recognized at a reception on the evening of April 12th.

“We congratulate our winners, who through their diligent efforts and strategic thinking have advanced the cause of improving patient safety,” said Robert Imhoff, President & CEO of the Maryland Patient Safety Center. “Timely and innovative solutions like the ones we are recognizing this year are needed to address the constantly evolving healthcare landscape facing healthcare practitioners in Maryland and beyond.”

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.

The eight other submissions receiving the Circle of Honor awards are as follows:

1. Calvert Health Medical Center: *Promoting the appropriate use of opioids – A community hospital’s response to a national health emergency*
2. The Johns Hopkins Hospital: *Hopkins NINJA: Nephrotoxic injury negated by just-in-time action*
3. Greater Baltimore Medical Center: *Focused problem solving through lean daily management*
4. Sinai Hospital of Baltimore: *Drawing placental blood for admission labs in very low birth weight infants: A process change that reduces early transfusions*
5. Sinai Hospital of Baltimore: *Improved outcomes with perioperative glucose management*

6. Northwest Hospital, LifeBridge Health System: *Northwest Hospital's journey towards high reliability: What does it take?*
7. U of MD Upper Chesapeake Medical Center: *An orthopedics approach to population health management – development of a geriatric hip fracture program*
8. U of MD Upper Chesapeake Medical Center: *Stop snoring with a bang! Reducing postoperative complications by screening patients for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) risk factors*

About The Maryland Patient Safety Center

The Maryland Patient Safety Center brings together hospitals and 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 healthcare facilities. For more information, visit www.marylandpatientsafetycenter.org.

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