Illinois Hospital and Health Systems Showcase Quality Improvement Initiatives

5th Annual IHA Quality Advocacy Showcase Highlights Statewide Efforts to Advance Patient Care, Improve Communities and Reduce Costs

Naperville, Ill.—Eighty quality improvement projects from hospitals and health systems across the state represent the dedicated efforts of healthcare professionals to advance quality care and enhance health and well-being for patients and communities. The projects are part of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) Quality Advocacy Showcase, held virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead of gathering in the State Capitol in April as originally planned, hospital and health system leaders are virtually sharing their work to address critical healthcare issues—from opioid overuse and community health to infection prevention and behavioral health—with legislators.

A compendium of the 80 projects is available online. Participating hospitals and health systems described their project and how it benefits patients, families and communities while reducing healthcare costs.

The Showcase highlights the collective efforts of Illinois’ hospital community to advance quality care and achieve cost savings in the following categories:

- Behavioral Healthcare;
- Care Coordination;
- Community Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Infection Prevention;
- Opioid Stewardship; and
- Patient Safety.

The showcase, in its fifth year, visually demonstrates the work of physicians, nurses, quality improvement leaders and hospital administrators to develop and implement solutions to improve care. See below for a complete list of participating hospitals and health systems.

2020 Showcase projects are diverse mix of quality improvement and patient safety initiatives, including efforts to:
• Reduce opioid use for postoperative pain management;
• Provide early treatment for youth displaying their first psychotic symptoms;
• Improve care for technology-dependent children in their home;
• Address housing insecurity for high-use patients;
• Improve access to immunization services; and
• Empower staff to respond to an active threat incident.

“The COVID-19 pandemic reminds us of the tremendous role of Illinois hospitals and frontline staff in serving communities,” said IHA President and CEO A.J. Wilhelmi, “but we know their dedication to patients is just as strong during ‘normal’ times. Their work to deliver better care is so important. IHA’s annual Quality Advocacy Showcase communicates to policymakers and elected officials that Illinois hospitals are dedicating time and resources to achieve positive results for patients, families and communities.”

The showcase is part of the ongoing work of IHA’s Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality to transform the delivery of patient care. More information about Institute programs can be found on IHA’s website at team-iha.org/quality-and-safety.

The 2020 Showcase participants are:
• Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln
• Advocate Aurora Health, Downers Grove
• Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville
• Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington
• Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago
• Advocate Sherman Hospital, Elgin
• Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton
• AMITA Health, Lisle
• AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center, Bolingbrook
• AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center GlenOaks, Glendale Heights
• AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center, Hinsdale
• AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center, La Grange
• AMITA Health Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Elk Grove Village
• AMITA Health Alexian Brothers Women & Children’s Hospital, Hoffman Estates
• AMITA Health Holy Family Medical Center, Des Plaines
• AMITA Health Medical Group, Lisle
• AMITA Health Mercy Medical Center Aurora, Aurora
• AMITA Health Saint Joseph Hospital, Chicago
• AMITA Health Saint Joseph Hospital, Elgin
• AMITA Health Saint Joseph Medical Center, Joliet
• AMITA Health Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center, Chicago
• AMITA Health St. Mary’s Hospital, Kankakee
• Anderson Hospital, Maryville
• Blessing Hospital, Quincy
• Carle Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney
• Cook County Health, Chicago
• Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur
• Edward Hospital, Naperville
• Edward-Elmhurst Health, Naperville
• Fairfield Memorial Hospital, Fairfield
• FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport
• Genesis Medical Center Aledo, Aledo
• Graham Hospital, Canton
• Harrisburg Medical Center, Harrisburg
• Horizon Health, Paris
• HSHS Good Shepherd Hospital, Shelbyville
• HSHS Holy Family Hospital, Greenville
• HSHS St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital, Effingham
• HSHS St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, O’Fallon
• HSHS St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield
• HSHS St. John’s Hospital, Springfield
• HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital, Breese
• HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital, Highland
• HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital, Decatur
• Illini Community Hospital, Pittsfield
• Kindred Hospital Chicago – Northlake, Northlake
• La Rabida Children’s Hospital, Chicago
• MacNeal Hospital, Berwyn
• Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, part of Northwestern Medicine, Wheaton
• Memorial Health System, Springfield
• Memorial Hospital, Chester
• Memorial Medical Center, Springfield
• Memorial Physician Services, Springfield
• Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers, Morris
• Northwest Community Healthcare, Arlington Heights
• Northwestern Medicine, Chicago
• Northwestern Medicine Huntley Hospital, Huntley
• Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest
• Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital, McHenry
• OSF HealthCare Ambulatory Clinical Practice, Peoria
• OSF HealthCare MultiSpecialty Services, Peoria
• OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, Ottawa
• OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria
• Passavant Area Hospital, Jacksonville
• Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton
• Pinckneyville Community Hospital, Pinckneyville
• Red Bud Regional Hospital, Red Bud
• Riveredge Hospital, Forest Park
• Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee
• Rush Copley Medical Center, Aurora
• Rush University Medical Center, Chicago
• Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital, Rushville
Silver Cross Hospital, New Lenox
SwedishAmerican Health System, Rockford
Swedish Hospital, Part of Northshore, Chicago
Taylorville Memorial Hospital, Taylorville
Touchette Regional Hospital, Centreville
UI Health, Chicago
Wabash General Hospital, Mount Carmel
Washington County Hospital, Nashville

You can find individual hospital and health system posters in this year’s compendium. We encourage reporters to reach out to media relations staff of hospitals in their coverage area to learn more about specific quality improvement initiatives.

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About IHA’s Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality
The Institute is a strategic center actively engaged in implementing evidence-based quality and safety initiatives while creating innovative member programs to measurably strengthen the quality of healthcare across Illinois. It aims to inform, empower and lead IHA members in advancing Illinois as a person-centered, national model for high-value healthcare.

About IHA
The Illinois Health and Hospital Association, with offices in Chicago, Naperville, Springfield and Washington, D.C., advocates for Illinois’ more than 200 hospitals and nearly 40 health systems as they serve their patients and communities. IHA members provide a broad range of services—not just within their walls, but across the continuum of healthcare and in their communities. Reflecting the diversity of the state, IHA members consist of nonprofit, investor-owned and public hospitals in the following categories: community, safety net, rural, critical access, specialty and teaching hospitals, including academic medical centers. For more information, see www.team-iha.org. Like IHA on Facebook. Follow IHA on Twitter.