2020 Showcase Categories

The 2020 IHA Quality Advocacy Showcase—on April 30 in the state Capitol—is an important opportunity for hospital leaders and staff to share with legislators a quality improvement initiative that has enhanced care and reduced costs.

We encourage all members to submit a project and participate in the 5th annual Showcase. IHA will produce a professionally designed 30-by-42-inch poster for each project at no cost to members.

Each hospital may submit one project, choosing among the seven categories below. Health systems can submit a system project implemented across system hospitals, in addition to the submissions of individual system hospitals.

Behavioral Healthcare
- Legislative interest: Increase timely and appropriate access to services and prevent and reduce acute care hospitalizations
- Project examples: Advanced practice case management, interdisciplinary emergency department/community-based team, integrated behavioral health, expansion of services, peer mentoring, telehealth, emergency care and crisis stabilization

Care Coordination
- Legislative interest: Increase communication among patient care coordinators and improve patient outcomes
- Project examples: Observation care, palliative care, reduced readmissions, stroke centers, mobile integrated healthcare, community paramedicine, team-based care, emergency department throughput

Infection Prevention
- Legislative interest: Enhance early recognition, minimize disease and safeguard the community and healthcare workforce
- Project examples: Catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI), central-line associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI), Clostridium difficile (C. diff), hepatitis, surgical site infection (SSI), methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), sepsis, hand hygiene initiatives, antibiotic stewardship

Opioid Stewardship
- Legislative interest: Promote safe opioid use and support opioid recovery and treatment for patients and communities
- Project examples: Opioid prescribing, use of opioid alternatives, pain assessment and management, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), community opioid reduction programs

Patient Safety
- Legislative interest: Prevent harm to patients and increase transparency and provider accountability
- Project examples: Diagnostic errors, falls, nurse staffing, patient and family communication/committees/engagement, safe staffing solutions

Community Health
- Legislative interest: Improve, protect and promote the overall health of the community through education, prevention, and disease treatment and management
- Project examples: Health education, wellness and prevention programs, chronic disease management programs, health equity initiatives, access to care, supporting healthy behaviors, housing, food insecurity, social and community networks, vulnerable populations, community violence prevention
Emergency Preparedness

- Legislative interest: Plan, prepare for and respond to emergencies that threaten the safety and well-being of patients, families and healthcare workers
- Project examples: Healthcare worker safety programs, reporting violence to healthcare workers, justice-involved patients, preparing for natural or man-made disasters and adverse events, emergency management, environment of care, management of aggressive patients