The John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Awards established by The National Quality Forum and The Joint Commission recognizes major achievements of individuals and organizations to improve patient safety and healthcare quality which are consistent with the aims of the National Quality Strategy-better care, healthy people and communities, and smarter spending. Better care, in particular, focuses on improving overall quality by making healthcare patient-centered, reliable, accessible, and safe.

The accomplishments of award nominees/applicants should be clearly linked to the principles that Dr. Eisenberg promoted throughout his career. These include:
- dedication to improving the quality of healthcare and patient safety
- leadership in advancing methods for measuring and reporting healthcare quality
- expanding the public’s capacity to evaluate the quality and safety of healthcare
- promoting healthcare choices based upon information about safety and quality

Award Categories:
- **Individual Achievement** - Individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and scholarship in patient safety and healthcare quality through a substantive lifetime body of work.
- **National Level Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality** – The focus of the project or initiative extends beyond local areas to being implemented across the country to achieve national impact.
- **Local Level Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality** – The project or initiative focuses on effecting impact at the local community, organization or regional level (e.g., statewide).

Additional Information about the Awards
- Applications and payment of $400.00 are due by Monday October 1, 2019, 11:59 pm E.T.
- Organizations that can be accredited by The Joint Commission must be accredited to be eligible for the award.
- Application evaluation criteria will assess the importance of the project’s contribution to patient safety and quality, whether the project represents a significant advancement in the given area or new/novel approach, the level of the project’s impact, and its replicability across organizations and sustainability demonstrated through supporting data/information.
- Award winners will be notified of the Award Panel’s decision by January 2020.
- The award winner must attend the ceremony to receive the award.
- No information about the outcome of Award Panel decisions can be provided prior to the official notification of the award recipients.
- Application-specific feedback will not be provided.

Completing the Application:
- Please be sure to use the directional button prompts in the application and not your browser buttons (e.g., use of the Back button and Next buttons).
- The software is designed to allow for your responses to be saved for two weeks, if you need to complete the application later. You will need to reopen the application from the same computer to access the saved information, it is linked to your IP address. After two weeks, you will need to restart your application.
- Please be sure that you have completed the application before it is submitted. If the application is inadvertently submitted prior to completion please contact, Sheila Aguilar saguilar@jointcommission.org to reopen the application.
- Once you submit the application, you will be redirected to the payment site. Payment submission of $400.00 is required for your application to be considered.
Which category are you applying for?

- Individual (substantive lifetime body of work in patient safety and healthcare quality)
- Local (impact at the local community, organization or regional level)
- National (impact extends beyond local areas to being implemented across the country)

Select the healthcare setting(s) included in this project.

- Ambulatory Care
- Behavioral Health
- Certification Programs (Please Specify)
- Critical Access Hospital
- Home Care
- Hospital/Acute Care Facility
- Laboratory
- Nursing Care Center
- Office-Based Surgery
- Other (Please Describe) ________________________________________________

Please select the criteria that the Nominee has demonstrated: (select all that apply)

- Sustainable changes to practices or programs
- Creating/fostering a culture of safety and patient engagement
- Significant advancement in an area for improving patient safety and quality in care
- New innovative or novel approach in an area for improving patient safety and quality in care
- Fostering new leaders in patient safety
- Enhancing the body of research that underlies innovative patient safety efforts
Have the project results been sustained for at least one year or greater?

- Yes
- No

NOMINEE INFORMATION

- Name of Organization: ________________________________________________
- Address: ________________________________________________
- City: ________________________________________________
- State: ________________________________________________
- Zip: ________________________________________________
- Individual Submitting: ________________________________________________
- Telephone: ________________________________________________
- Email: ________________________________________________

Name/Title of Initiative
(If selected as an award winner this will be used in press material)
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Brief Summary of Initiative
Please provide an abstract of the nominee’s patient safety and/or healthcare quality-related achievements and the importance of these achievements, including their specific impact on patient safety and/or healthcare quality. Please feel free to embellish the achievements in the questions below.
(Please note this question has a limit of 1,200 characters. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).
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Does the contribution address an important area for improving safety and quality?

- Yes
- No

Describe how the contribution addresses an important area for improving patient safety and quality.
(Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).
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Does the contribution represent a new innovative or novel approach in the area of patient safety and quality?

- Yes
- No

Describe how the contribution represents a new innovative or novel approach in the area of patient safety and quality.

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Does the contribution represent a significant advancement in the area of patient safety and quality?

- Yes
- No

Describe the ways in which the contribution represents a significant advancement in the area of patient safety and quality.

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Has the contribution been proven to have a direct impact on improving patient safety and quality?

- Yes
- No

Describe how the contribution is proven to have a direct impact on improving patient safety and quality.

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Can the contribution be replicated across organizations and/or impacts a wide range of the patient safety and quality arena?

- Yes
- No

Describe how the contribution can be replicated across organizations and/or impacts a wide range of the patient safety and quality arena.

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Describe how the problem was identified, the timeframe the contribution was implemented, any challenges/barriers encountered and how they were resolved, and how ongoing sustainability is monitored.

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Please provide data to support how the nominee has reached and sustained the described achievement (e.g., graph model of reduction in safety events, graphical representation over time, etc.) If you have more than one model, please combine into one document.

(This is kept to a minimum of one combined file in a PDF and is limited to seven pages. Any information exceeding the seventh page will not be considered.)

Please provide a CV for the lead of the initiative:

(Please note this question has a limit of 12,500 characters, or 3 pages. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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Please provide any additional information, such as statements of support, press clippings, and endorsements.

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