

## **Cardinal Health Foundation Awards \$1 Million To Fund Patient Safety Initiatives**

The Cardinal Health Foundation today announced it has awarded a total of \$1 million in grant funding for new and innovative programs to improve patient safety at 35 hospitals, health systems and community health clinics across the country.

Grants of up to \$35,000 per facility will provide funding for programs that implement creative and replicable methods to improve the quality of patient care. Examples of initiatives that received funding include: targeted screening for methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), strategies to improve physician hand hygiene, electronic medical record implementation and medication safety and reconciliation projects.

The primary criterion for awarding the grants was that they address the National Quality Forum’s priority areas, specifically concentrating on the following areas:

- Eliminating health care associated infections (HAIs), specifically MRSA and C. difficile infection prevention and management, with the goal of reducing ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP), surgical site infections (SSI) and blood site infections (BSI) to zero
- Medication safety and reconciliation in forms ranging from prescribing correct medication to ensuring the right medication gets to the right patient at the right time and assuring information is communicated and understood at key transition points

“Medication safety and health care associated infections are two of the largest patient safety issues that health care organizations face every day, and the human toll and financial burden is escalating,” said Shelley Bird, chair of the Cardinal Health Foundation. “The Cardinal Health Foundation is committed to improving the overall effectiveness of health care, and we’re proud to support these institutions that are enhancing patient safety and the quality of care.”

Patient Safety Grant Projects include:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Initiative</b>
Albert Einstein Healthcare Network	Philadelphia, Pa.	SMASH (Stop MRSA Acquisition at our Hospitals)
Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital	Columbus, Ohio	Development of a Home Medication

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and Richard J. Solove Institute at The Ohio State University		Documentation Interactive Training Impact of Using Virtual Patient Models Improve Medication Reconciliation
Aurora Health Care	Milwaukee, Wis.	Targeted vs. Universal Screening
Baylor Health Care System	Dallas, Texas	Implementing Strategies to Improve Hand Hygiene Compliance
Christian Hospital (member of BJC HealthCare)	St. Louis, Mo.	Promoting Antibiotic Stewardship at Hospital
Catholic Healthcare West	San Francisco, Calif.	Medication Reconciliation
CHRISTUS Spohn Foundation	Corpus Christi, Texas	High Priority Safety Program to Reduce Hospital-Acquired Surgical Site Infections in patients with previously diagnosed and in undiagnosed patients who blood sugar levels prior to surgery
CMH Regional Health System	Wilmington, Ohio	Improving Patient Safety at CMH Medication Errors Through the Use of Technology
Community Memorial Hospital	Oconto Falls, Wis.	Enhanced Patient Discharge Process
DCH Regional Medical Center	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Medication Reconciliation for Home Patients
	Opelika, Ala.	Applying Lean Principles to the Reduction of Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
East Alabama Medical Center		
Eastern Maine Medical Center	Bangor, Maine	Enhancing Patient Safety through Communication (EPIC): A Program to Reduce HAI and Medical Errors through Communication and Teamwork in the Unit
Graceville Health Center	Graceville, Minn.	Implementing an Electronic Medical (EMR) System at Graceville Health Center
Huntington Memorial Hospital	Pasadena, Calif.	NICU Ventilator-Acquired Pneumonia Initiative
Inova Loudon Hospital	Falls Church, Va.	Evaluation of the Prevalence of Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus in Pre-surgical Patients and Post- Infections

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Lamp Community	Los Angeles, Calif.	Medication Management Program
Lee Memorial Health System	Ft. Myers, Fla.	Implementing an innovative system of evidence-based Asthma Management Program to ensure consistent, safe administration and reconciliation throughout the continuum of care
MaineHealth	Portland, Maine	Creating a Standardized, Systematic Discharge Planning and Medication Reconciliation Process
Medical Center of the Rockies Foundation	Fort Collins, Colo.	Eliminating healthcare-associated infections at the Medical Center of the Rockies
Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases	New York, N.Y.	Reducing CDI through Interactive Education
Meridian Health	Neptune, N.J.	Pharmacist Model of Care Demonstration Project
North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System, Inc.	Great Neck, N.Y.	National Clinical Outcomes Database for Anesthesiology
NorthShore University HealthSystem	Evanston, Ill.	Reduction in Catheter-Associated Infection Rates Using Observation Teams and Electronic Medical Records
Ochsner Health System	New Orleans, La.	Improving Safety of Handling Breathing Equipment in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
Piedmont Hospital	Atlanta, Ga.	Reducing Medication Errors through Medication Reconciliation
Scripps Whittier Diabetes Institute	La Jolla, Calif.	Systemwide Standardization of Diabetes Control Protocols
St. John Hospital and Medical Center	Detroit, Mich.	Developing a Process to Reduce Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections in Non-intensive Care Units
St. Joseph Health System - Humboldt County	Eureka, Calif.	SJHS-HC Care Transition Program for Safety and Reconciliation Project
The Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha, Neb.	Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections Through Optimized Patient Care, Hand Cleaning and Disinfection
UCSF Medical Center	San Francisco, Calif.	Spreading Successful Innovation

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		Medication Administration Accuracy
University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital	Birmingham, Ala.	Comparison of Chlorhexidine Rinse to Commercially Available Oral Care in the Standard MICU Oral Care in the VAP
University of Virginia Health System	Charlottesville, Va.	Randomized controlled trial of Hand Hygiene plus Gloving for the Prevention of Hospital-Acquired Infections in Preterm Infants
Virginia Commonwealth University Health System	Richmond, Va.	Safety First, Every Day
Virginia Mason Medical Center	Seattle, Wash.	Optimizing Care Transitions through Medication Reconciliation
Wesley Medical Center	Wichita, Kan.	Electronic Patient Triage Development and Implementation Involving Nurse Practitioner, Technician, and Pharmacist Obtaining Medication Histories in the Emergency Department and Impact on Medication Reconciliation

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