



**Department of Defense
Patient Safety Program**

2011
Patient Safety Awards
Call for Awards

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CALL FOR AWARD SUBMISSIONS

TRICARE Management Activity

and the

DoD Patient Safety Program

will begin accepting submissions for the

Patient Safety Awards

beginning September 6, 2011.

The deadline for submission is November 4, 2011.

The Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCMO) at TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) sponsors the Department of Defense (DoD) Patient Safety Awards in conjunction with the annual State of the Military Health System (MHS) Conference. The next conference is scheduled for January 30, 2012 thru February 2, 2012 at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md.

The DoD and the Patient Safety Program (PSP) are committed to creating a culture of safety and quality care within the Military Healthcare System. The DoD Patient Safety Award recognizes efforts designed to improve the care delivered within the Military Healthcare System. The award identifies those who have shown innovation and commitment to the development of systems and processes that are tightly organized around the needs of the patient. DoD seeks to recognize efforts that create an environment where safe, quality care is provided and is the responsibility of all members of the team.

The goals of the program are to showcase MHS innovations and best practices that directly support the MHS Strategic Plan and to link people with ideas. The MHS Conference provides an excellent forum in which to share the tools and information used in achieving best practices.

Awards must be submitted into one of the following categories:

- **Teamwork Training and Skill Building (2 Awards; 1 Hospital and 1 Ambulatory Center)**
- **Identification and Mitigation of Risks and Hazards (2 Awards; 1 Hospital and 1 Ambulatory Center)**
- **Culture Measurement, Feedback, and Intervention (1 Award)**

Details describing each category are available on the Patient Safety Program website:
<http://www.health.mil/dodpatientsafety>



Category winners will be notified in early December 2011 through their respective Service Patient Safety Representative.

The **winner for each category** will give a brief presentation during one of the breakout sessions at the MHS Conference.

For detailed information and guidance, please carefully review Award Application Guidance and Format guidelines below.

Award Submission and Evaluation

To participate, please complete and submit the electronic submission form located on the website. **The website will only accept submissions until November 4, 2011.**

The scoring categories used in reviewing the submissions are listed below. Please check the website for more detailed information regarding the evaluation process.

Abstract

- Background
- Objective of the initiative
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

Design/Methods

- Initiative
- Design
- Implementation
- Resources utilized
- Performance Measurement

Results

- Impact of initiative/study
- How data was analyzed
- Provide data tables/graphs
- Achievement of Objective
- Obstacles/Resistance

Conclusion

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- Considers overall practical usefulness of the intervention demonstrated locally and types of settings in which this intervention is most likely to be effective.
- Suggest implications of this report for further studies of improvement interventions.
- **Evidence** of sustainability of the improvements (provide data and/or other evidence)
- Support with facts/data why you believe this initiative can be replicated in other healthcare settings that provide the same service or serve the same type of population

****Supporting documents in PowerPoint, Excel, Word, and, PDF formats will be accepted and can be uploaded before submitting your award package.****

Once you complete your award submission process online, your Service Patient Safety Representative will receive notification. They must then review and approve your submission prior to it being accepted by the DoD Patient Safety Program for evaluation. Questions about the process can be addressed through your Service Representative or the DoD Patient Safety Program.

Only complete award packages will be accepted. Once your award application/package has been reviewed for completeness and accepted, the POC and the Commander will receive an acceptance email.