

# DELIVERING QUALITY WITH DISTINCTION

## 2012 Quality Excellence Achievement Awards Compendium

Recognizing Illinois Hospitals and  
Health Systems Leading in Quality  
and Transformative Health Care



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for Innovations in  
Care and Quality



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### OVERVIEW

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The Illinois Hospital Association's (IHA) Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality (The Institute) second annual Quality Excellence Achievement Awards recognizes and celebrates the achievements of Illinois hospitals that are committed to transforming Illinois health care through innovative approaches and best practices.

From 67 submissions representing 40 hospitals, awards were presented to a total of eight hospitals in two categories: urban and rural/critical access. The two award recipients and six finalists, who were honored at IHA's annual Leadership Summit, were selected by a panel of 30 nationally-recognized quality improvement leaders based on their achievement and progress in advancing one or more elements of the Institute of Medicine's six aims for improvement:

- Safety
- Effectiveness
- Timeliness
- Efficiency
- Equity
- Patient-centered care

To share these initiatives among members, The Institute has published this compendium that provides a synopsis of all award entries along with contact information for additional details. The compendium receives national exposure by being featured annually on the Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence (HPOE), an AHA affiliate, website.

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# Call for Entries

## May 2013

Be sure to watch for this opportunity to be recognized and celebrated for your hospital's achievements in advancing patient care.

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# Award Recipients

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### AWARD RECIPIENTS

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#### **Award category—Rural/Critical Access**

##### **Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital, Dixon**

*Streamlining the Intake Process of Cardiac Patients in the Emergency Department*

#### **Award category—Urban**

##### **OSF Healthcare System, Peoria**

*Improving Obstetrical Care Through Organizational Collaboration*

The following pages contain summaries of the award recipients' projects.

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# Award Finalists

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### AWARD FINALISTS

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#### Rural/Critical Access category

##### **Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services, Gibson City**

*Reduce Medication Errors Through the Implementation of Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE), Medication Bar Coding and Smart Pump Technology*

##### **Graham Health System, Canton**

*Intensive Care Management*

##### **St. Mary's Hospital, Centralia**

*Reducing Readmissions CQI+ Team-Implementing Change Through the IHA Project RED Collaborative*

#### Urban category

##### **Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, Oak Lawn**

*Utilization of an Interdisciplinary Team Approach for the Care of Infants with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS)—The Ideal Quality Improvement Collaboration*

##### **Alexian Brothers Health System, Arlington Heights**

*Improvement in Patient Safety and Quality of Inpatient Care Through Appropriate Blood Product Management*

##### **Holy Family Medical Center, Des Plaines**

*Collaborative Approach to Reduce Health Care-Acquired Clostridium difficile Infection Rate in a Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH)*

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### Infection Prevention

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Hospital/System: Trinity Regional Health System, Rock Island

Contact: Andrew Behan  
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Project Title: *The Red Box Strategy: An Innovative Method to Improve Isolation Precaution Compliance and Reduce Costs*

Summary: The Red Box Strategy was created to help reduce cost and health care worker time associated with having to unnecessarily don and doff personal protective equipment (PPE) while still providing quality care.

Using evidence-based practices, the hospital's infection prevention team implemented a three-foot square "safe zone" using red duct tape in the doorways of patients in contact isolation rooms to serve as a visual cue from which health care workers can communicate with patients without having to put on PPE.

During a two-year analysis of the Red Box Strategy, Trinity saved up to 2,700 staffing hours (time previously spent unnecessarily donning PPE) and significantly reduced personal protective equipment costs annually. It allowed staff to respond faster to patient requests, lessened communication barriers and increased patient and staff satisfaction.

Website: <http://www.trinityqc.com>