

“Healing Our Healers” Themed Virtual Event Showcases Best Practices and Impactful Programming

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the 17th Annual Maryland Patient Safety Conference a significant success during a challenging time for the healthcare industry. The event was held virtually on April 29, 2021 and attracted more than 1,200 registrants and featured world-class speakers on a wide variety of topics.

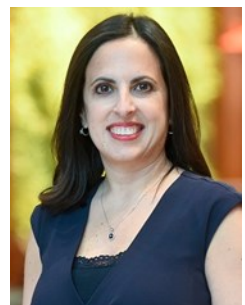


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While the onset and continued challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our world and our healthcare systems and workers in tragic and challenging ways, we are seeing some silver linings. Chief among them is an increased appreciation for the amazing, heroic work our healthcare workers do each day and the need to proactively care for their mental and physical wellbeing.

The Center has been a pioneer in efforts to provide resources to help frontline caregivers cope with and recover from adverse events in the workplace. “Healing Our Healers” expanded upon that theme and brought the issue to the forefront for conference attendees. Numerous presentations throughout the day examined the issue of the mental and emotional wellbeing of healthcare workers and provided practical solutions attendees could take back to their teams.

Rana Awdish, MD kicked off the event with her opening keynote drawn from her experiences as a physician and a patient during her own critical illness. Her presentation focused on the difference compassionate care can make and the power of hope for both patients and providers.



Rana Awdish, MD

While patient safety is certainly a serious topic, Brad Nieder, MD, brought levity and laughter to close out the day. His message focused on how humor and laughter can help combat burnout was both inspiring and hilarious.



Brad Nieder, MD

Thank you again to everyone who made this event not just possible, but an amazing success. **We look forward to making our 2022 conference better than ever, and we are excited to see everyone in-person at the Baltimore Hilton on March 4, 2022 for the 18th Annual Maryland Patient Safety Conference!**

KEEPING PATIENTS SAFE



2021 Minogue Award Winners Recognized

During the 17th Annual Maryland Patient Safety Conference, the Center recognized winners of the Minogue Award and other annual awards for innovation in patient safety. We are grateful to have such a diverse group of honorees and appreciate everyone who submitted an innovation for consideration.

Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation:

University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center

St. Joseph's Value Delivery System

Submitted by: Karen Campbell, Director- Norton Transformation Office

Distinguished Achievement for Patient Safety Innovation:

Adventist Healthcare

Therapeutic Duplication Reduction – Preventing Patient Harm

Submitted by: Emil Sidawy, Medication Safety Officer

Circle of Honor Winners:

University of Maryland Medical Center

Creation and Implementation of a COVID Mobility Service

Submitted by: Colleen Hughes Driscoll, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

University of Maryland Medical Center

Interventional Radiology IVC Filter Procedure: A Reliable Patient Tracking System

Submitted by: Mary Twomley, Project Manager

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Mitigating the Effects of COVID: Protect Your Lungs Campaign

Submitted by: Mary Hannah – Manager of Population Health

Meritus Health

Readmission reduction through collaborative transitions of care

Submitted by: Debbie Thompson – Director Outpatient Care Management

Johns Hopkins Medicine

Development and implementation of a patient-centered, multi-faceted medication disposal system

Submitted by: Meghan Swarthout – Division Director, Ambulatory and Care Transitions Pharmacy

Johns Hopkins Home Care Group

Optimizing Remote Patient Monitoring to Safely Monitor the Health of Covid-19 Patients Post Hospital Discharge

Submitted by: Melissa Lantz-Garnish – Remote Patient Monitoring Administrator

Children's National Medical Center

What Color is your Mood Ring? Enhancing Safety through Stress Recognition

Submitted by: Heather Montealegre, Performance Improvement Coord. Dept of Transport Medicine

Adventist Healthcare

Telephonic monitoring of ED and acute care patients exposed to COVID-19 or with known disease to support early identification of progression and symptom management

Submitted by: Kate Strader, Associate Vice President





In addition to being recognized during our annual conference the Minogue Award winners are being recognized on our social media channels. Center leadership has been making personal visits to present the awards to our winners.



University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center honored as the recipient of the 2021 Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation. The mosaic behind them was crafted in light of their award winning project, with each tile containing a signature of an employee.



Emil Sidawy, Medication Safety Officer of Adventist Healthcare, named the winner of the Distinguished Achievement for Patient Safety Innovation, with his award.



University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center receiving their Circle of Honor Award.



Meritus Health receiving their Circle of Honor Award.



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Lean for Healthcare *September 28-30, 2021*

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Six Sigma *November 8-12, 2021*

click to register

SAVE THE DATE

Our Fall Medication Safety Conference is set for Friday, November 5, 2021. This will be a LIVE virtual event again this year. Look for more details on our website soon and make plans to attend.



ANNUAL MEDICATION
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Our organization is fortunate to have amazing board leadership to help guide our mission and activities. The following individuals have left or will be leaving our board of directors in the near future. We appreciate their service to the Center and their commitment to patient safety in general. We are excited to be welcoming several new board members as well.

Marty Makary, MD, MPH, Professor of Surgery, Johns Hopkins Medicine, will be coming off our board after three years of service.



Sherry B. Perkins, PhD, RN, FAAN, President of Anne Arundel Medical Center, will be coming off our board after nine years of service.



Brian Frankel recently exited our board after four years of service. He was previously the Prince George's County Asst. Fire Chief, but recently moved to Stafford County to become the Deputy Fire Chief of EMS.



Deneen Richmond is joining the MPSC board. Deneen is President of Luminis Health Doctors Community Hospital and has a vast array of experience in safety and quality roles in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Ted Delbridge, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS Executive Director of MIEMMS, is also joining our board. He has extensive experience in emergency medicine and public health.





Caring for the Caregiver: Implementing R.I.S.E Program Continues to Expand

Through a partnership with the Johns Hopkins Medicine Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality, our international network of leaders and peer responders trained in the R.I.S.E. (Resilience in Stressful Events) curriculum has grown to 50 organizations, comprising 80 different hospitals, four provider groups, and one school of nursing.

While some have been a part of this collaboration since 2011, others have just recently partnered on this important initiative as the pandemic shed light on the critical need for investment in the wellbeing of healthcare workers.



Maria Gonsalves Schimpf Joins Maryland Patient Safety Center's Caring for the Caregiver Training Team.

Maria Gonsalves Schimpf, a music psychotherapist who has worked in behavioral health across the last two decades, now directs the Denver Health RISE program at Denver Health's medical system in Colorado. RISE launched in January 2020 and expanded rapidly during COVID in order to expand its reach with additional service lines. Under Maria's leadership, Denver Health RISE served staff 85,000 times between March 2020-March 2021. She is deeply dedicated to supporting staff and maintains that it is her RISE Team who allowed her to retain hope as her anchor across the pandemic. We are pleased to welcome Maria to our team.



Webinars Examining COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Among Communities of Color Featuring Nicole Rochester, MD Now Available Online

During this series of webinars, Dr. Rochester provided an overview of systemic racism and bias in healthcare and how these contribute to medical mistrust and vaccine hesitancy in Black and brown communities. She reviewed existing survey data regarding vaccine wariness and shared additional insight gained through in-depth conversations with community representatives. Participants were introduced to strategies for addressing and mitigating vaccine hesitancy in their workforce and in the broader community. Visit the Health Equity page of our website to learn more or view the webinars - www.marylandpatientsafety.org/health-equity