



**Maryland Patient Safety Center Announces
Patient Safety Innovation Awards Winners for 2023**

University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center Took Home the Top Honors

Elkridge, MD – January, 2023 - The Maryland Patient Safety Center recently announced that University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center has been named the recipient of the 2023 Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation. The winning project was titled *“Implementation of an Acute Interdisciplinary Care Model to Improve COPD (AIR- COPD) Outcomes.”* The hospital was also named the winner of the Distinguished Achievement for Patient Safety Innovation Award for their program titled *“Adapting ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Care During a Pandemic.”*

Eight other hospitals were named Circle of Honor winners, an award recognizing other top solutions in healthcare.

This year, MPSC received over 60 submissions for this prestigious award and the winners were selected by a panel of independent judges who are leaders in the Maryland healthcare community. As in years past, the top award winners will present their projects at the **19th Annual Patient Safety Conference, Health Equity and Patient Safety: Facing the Challenge, Making the Change**, on March 31, 2023. All winners, including the Circle of Honor for Patient Safety Innovation recipients, will be recognized at a special reception this evening before the conference; and all submitting teams are provided an opportunity to present their project posters at the conference.

“Selecting winners and honorees from more than five dozen successful submissions was not easy. The healthcare organizations in Maryland continue to be leaders on a national level in their commitment to patient safety and the spirit of innovation,” said Blair M. Eig, MD President & CEO of the Maryland Patient Safety Center. “Every year we are in awe of our participants’ commitment to addressing the complex and nuanced patient safety issues facing medical providers and our healthcare system. We take great pride in honoring them for the transformative impact they continue to make on the quality of care in Maryland and beyond.”

Named for the Center’s first President and Executive Director, William Minogue, MD, FACP, to honor his enduring contributions to and passion for improving patient care and safety, The Minogue Award was

created by the Center Board of Directors to recognize an organization within the state that has made a demonstrable difference in patient safety through an innovative solution.

Below are the eight submissions (in alphabetical order) receiving Circle of Honor awards.

Johns Hopkins Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality

Hero: Using Technology to Improve Reporting Culture

Submitted by: Eileen Kasda, Director of Patient Safety, Johns Hopkins Health System

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Implementing Suicide Prevention Through Universal Suicide Risk Screening

Submitted by: Suzanne Rybczynski, Associate Chief Medical Officer & VP Quality, Patient Safety and Professional Affairs

LifeBridge Health Northwest Hospital

Promoting a Culture of Safety and Zero Harm using Safety Huddles

Submitted by: Maulik Thaker, Executive Director Zero Harm Program

LifeBridge Health Sinai Hospital

Clinical Excellence Report Cards: A Data-driven Approach to Evidence-based Patient Care

Submitted by: Sarah Stanley, Team Lead- Nursing Outcomes Leaders

LifeBridge Health Sinai Hospital

HAPI Not Welcome Here: A Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injury (HAPI) Reduction Collaborative

Submitted by: Brooke Vacovsky, Clinical Nurse Specialist

Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center

Improving Processes to Prevent & Detect Drug Diversion

Submitted by: Christine Frost, Chief Nursing Officer/VP Nursing

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Transitional Care: Supporting Vulnerable Patients After Hospitalization

Submitted by: Sarah Brace, Manager Transitional Care

University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center

Implementation of High Flow Nasal Cannula (HFNC)

Submitted by: Pamela Nehring, Senior Clinical Nurse II and the Pediatric Clinical Nurse Educator

About The Maryland Patient Safety Center

The Maryland Patient Safety Center brings together healthcare organizations and providers to improve patient safety and healthcare quality for all Marylanders. The mission of the MPSC is *keeping Maryland healthcare safe* by focusing on the systems of care, reducing the occurrence of adverse events and improving the culture of patient safety at Maryland healthcare facilities. For more information, visit <https://marylandpatientsafety.org/>.