

The Maryland Patient Safety Center Announces its Annual Call for Solutions

Each year, the Maryland Patient Safety Center recognizes the best examples of Maryland healthcare's efforts to improve patient safety through the prestigious Minogue and Turning the Tide Awards. *The 2025 awards will bring Maryland's healthcare community together to honor innovative initiatives that are consistent with the aims of eliminating preventable harm, or improving quality and equity.*

**We invite you to submit your organization's solution for the
Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation
or
nominate a colleague for the *Turning the Tide Award*
All Solutions are due by **November 15, 2024****

Patient safety innovation projects or initiatives may be submitted by hospitals, pre- or post-acute care organizations, long-term care organizations, home health agencies and other healthcare organizations in the State or region. The project or initiative must be related to *eliminating preventable harm, or improving quality and equity.*

All complete submissions to the Maryland Patient Safety Center that eliminate preventable harm, or improve quality and equity will be eligible for consideration for the award. Judging submissions will be anonymized and based on responses to the submission questions, plus the project/initiative's demonstrated ability to:

- Advance patient safety and health equity
- Be innovative and evidence-based
- Demonstrate measurable change that impacts patients or the workforce, and includes a system that can be replicated or adapted by other organizations
- Address priority areas in Maryland. For example, related to the state's [Quality Based Reimbursement \(QBR\)](#) Safety domain areas including five measures from six CDC NHSN HAI categories and the AHRQ Patient Safety Index Composite), and/or [State Integrated Health Improvement Strategy \(SIHIS\) goals](#)

If you have any questions or need further information, please email: MPSC.Awards@marylandpatientsafety.org



The Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation

A Selection Committee will identify recipients for the awards based on an anonymized review. The winners of the Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation and the Distinguished Achievement in Patient Safety Innovation Award may be asked to present their solutions in the new Trailblazers in Patient Safety webinar series at a mutually agreeable date and time during the months following the Maryland Patient Safety Center's Annual Conference. All award winners will be honored at a special reception the evening before the annual conference (Wednesday, April 9, 2025).

Office Hours for Questions About Submissions and Submission Assistance

The Maryland Patient Safety Center highly encourages organizations to attend one of the following Awards Office Hours prior to submitting Award materials. Each session will include an overview with helpful hints, and also time for individual questions and answers:

**[Zoom link](#) for both:
October 8 from 9-10 AM ET
October 14 from 12 noon-1 PM ET**

Submission Guidelines:

Your submission must include the information listed below in order to be considered for one of the awards. In addition, the submission must be a Word document in Arial or Times New Roman, 12 pt font, with standard spacing and margins, limited to 10 pages for Minogue award submissions or 5 pages for Turning the Tide submissions, *inclusive of all submission requirements and attachments.*

Submissions must be emailed to: MPSC.Awards@marylandpatientsafety.org by November 15, 2024, at 5pm EST.

Minogue Patient Safety Innovation Awards

Within the 10-page limit, the submission for a Minogue Patient Safety Innovation Award should include:

1. Cover page

- a. Submission Title:
- b. Name of organization:
- c. Submitter/contact person name/title:
- d. Submitter/contact person email address:
- e. Submitter/contact person phone number:
- f. Executive champion name, title and email address:

2. Executive Summary (limit 500 words)

- a. Include how the project/initiative has measurably *eliminated preventable harm, or improved quality and equity in Maryland's priority areas of healthcare improvement.*
- b. Include key takeaways that will support spread/ adaptability by other organizations

3. Project/Initiative Description including aims/goals

- a. What was the problem to be solved?
- b. How was it identified? What baseline data existed?
- c. Was a health equity lens applied to the problem?
- d. What were the measurable goals to determine success?
- e. Who was the team?
- f. Was the organization's leadership engaged and did they share in the vision for success? How was leadership support demonstrated?

4. Process

- a. What methodology was used to develop the project/initiative?

5. Solution

- a. Was the solution evidence-based, use implementation science, or supported by the science of patient safety?
- b. What solution was developed and how was it tested and implemented?
- c. What makes this project/initiative innovative? What are its unique attributes?

6. Measurable outcomes

- a. What are the results of implementing the solution?
- b. Does the outcome data reflect a health equity lens?
- c. Provide quantitative results, including graphs, charts, etc.

7. Sustainability

- a. For how long has the project/initiative been sustained?
- b. What measures are being taken to assure sustainability and spread?

8. Spread

- a. What are the takeaways that will support spread/ adaptability by other organizations?
- b. What are critical success factors?
- c. What are avoidable pitfalls?
- d. What would you do differently next time?

9. Attestation

- a. Include the following language at the end of the submission: *The Maryland Patient Safety Center may share the name of this organization and information about the project on its website, promotional materials, and press releases as applicable.*

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Turning the Tide Award *In Honor of Bonnie DiPietro*

The 2025 Turning the Tide Award, in honor of long-time MPSC staff member Bonnie DiPietro, will recognize an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in patient safety and health care quality through a substantive body of work, who exemplifies the attitudes and values that advance a patient safety culture and whose work is indicative of a strong foundation in patient safety and a commitment to health equity in the healthcare organization. Individuals may work at hospitals, pre- or post-acute care organizations, long-term care organizations, home health agencies and other healthcare organizations in the Mid-Atlantic region.



All completed submissions to the Maryland Patient Safety Center that meet the submission criteria are eligible for consideration for the award. The Turning the Tide Award winner will be honored at a special reception the evening before the annual conference (Wednesday, April 9, 2025). Judging submissions will be anonymized and based on responses to the submission questions, plus the individual's demonstrated ability to:

- Advance patient safety and health equity via their personal commitment for patient safety culture
- Lead and engage others—and the organization—to eliminate preventable harm or improve quality and equity in Maryland's priority areas of healthcare improvement.

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Within the 5-page limit, the submission for a Turning the Tide Award should include:

1. Cover page

- b. Name and title of Nominee:
- c. Name of nominee's organization:
- d. Nominee email:
- e. Nominee phone number:
- f. Submitter/Contact person name/title:
- g. Name of submitter/contact person's organization:
- h. Submitter/Contact person email address:
- i. Submitter/Contact phone number:

2. Executive Summary by Submitter (limit 250 words)

- a. Summarize how the nominee has demonstrated exceptional leadership in patient safety and health care quality through a substantive body of work, exemplifies the attitudes and values that advance a patient safety culture, engages others and the organization, and how their work is indicative of strong patient safety culture and commitment to health equity in the healthcare organization.

3. Nominee Biosketch (limit 175 words)

- a. Provide brief biosketch of the nominee

4. Nominee's Own Words (limit 250 words)

- a. Nominee's description of their commitment to patient safety culture and health equity in their work

5. Attestation

- a. Include the following language at the end of the nominee's "own words": *The Maryland Patient Safety Center may share the name of the nominee and their organization, and information about the nominee, on its website, promotional materials, and press releases as applicable.*

6. Two letters of support (limit one page each)

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