

# Preview 2021 Eisenberg Award Application

***Information Only – Complete online application for consideration***

## Introduction

The John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Awards were established in 2002 by the National Quality Forum (NQF) and The Joint Commission to recognize major achievements of individuals and organizations to improve patient safety and healthcare quality which are consistent with the aims of the National Quality Strategy: better care, healthy people and communities, and affordable care. Better care, in particular, focuses on improving overall quality by making healthcare person-centered, reliable, accessible, and safe.

The accomplishments of award nominees/applicants should be clearly linked to the principles that Dr. Eisenberg promoted throughout his career, as well as emergent patient safety and quality challenges affecting public health:

- dedication to improving the quality of healthcare and patient safety
- leadership in advancing methods for measuring and reporting healthcare quality
- expanding the public's capacity to evaluate the quality and safety of healthcare
- promoting healthcare choices based upon information about safety and quality
- patient safety and quality challenges affecting public health

## Award Categories

- **Individual Achievement** – Individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and scholarship in patient safety and healthcare quality through a substantive lifetime body of work.
- **National Level Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality** – The focus of the project/initiative extends beyond local areas to being implemented across the country to achieve national impact.
- **Local Level Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality** – The project/initiative focuses on effecting impact at the local community, organizational or regional level (e.g., statewide).

## Additional Information about the Awards and Application Process

- All applications and payment of \$400.00 must be submitted by October 1, 2021.
- Organizations that can be accredited by The Joint Commission must be accredited to be eligible for the award.
- Application evaluation criteria assess the importance of the project's contribution to patient safety and quality, whether the project represents a significant advancement in the given area or new/novel approach, the level of the project's impact, and its replicability across organizations and sustainability demonstrated through supporting data/information. For example, how well the submission describes the improvement program, how it was sustained, and if it was scaled beyond one institution when possible.
- Award winners will be notified of the Award Panel's decision by April 2022.
- All award recipients must attend the in-person or virtual recognition ceremony to receive the award.
- No application-specific feedback or information about the outcome of Award Panel decisions will be provided prior to the official notification of the award recipients.

## **Completing the Online Application**

Visit this link on the Joint Commission's Eisenberg Award page to download a PDF preview of the three applications (Individual, Local, and National Applications) to better inform your submission. This PDF is for reference, all submissions must be entered into the online application to be considered.

Tips in preparing/writing your submission:

- Avoid repetition, and provide specific responses to each question, including explicit examples for each question within the application.
- Ensure that sufficient data is shared to support the impact of the initiative
- Demonstrate sustained success improving intervention/outcomes for at least 12 months

Please follow the prompts within the application platform.

Once you submit the application, you will be redirected to a payment site. Payment submission of \$400.00 is required by Oct 1, 2021 for your application to be considered. If you are not immediately directed to submit payment upon your application's completion, please contact us at [eisenbergawards@qualityforum.org](mailto:eisenbergawards@qualityforum.org).

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## **Applications**

Select the category of your submission.

- ☐ Individual (substantive lifetime body of work in patient safety and healthcare quality)
- ☐ Local (impact at the local community, organization or regional level)
- ☐ National (results have had successful national implementation across the country, with impact to more than one organization; extends beyond one state or local area)

## **National and Local Award Application Questions**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact (include credentials): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CEO/Leadership-level contact name (include credentials): \_\_\_\_\_

CEO/Leadership-level contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Select the healthcare setting(s) included in this initiative/project.**

- ☐ Ambulatory Care
- ☐ Behavioral Health Care and Human Services
- ☐ Certification Programs (Please Specify below) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Critical Access Hospital
- ☐ Home Care
- ☐ Hospital/Acute Care Facility
- ☐ Laboratory
- ☐ Nursing Care Center
- ☐ Office-Based Surgery
- ☐ Other (Please Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select the principles demonstrated in this initiative/project:** (select all that apply)

- ☐ Sustainable changes to practices or programs
- ☐ Creating/fostering a culture of safety and patient engagement
- ☐ Significant advancement in an area for improving patient safety and quality in care
- ☐ New innovative/novel approach in an area for improving patient safety and quality in care
- ☐ Fostering new leaders in patient safety
- ☐ Enhancing the body of research that underlies innovative patient safety efforts
- ☐ Patient safety and quality challenges affecting public health

**Have the results been sustained for at least 12 months or more?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**Name or Title of Project/Initiative** (limit 250 characters) (If selected as an award winner this will be used in press material):

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**Brief Summary of Project/Initiative** (Please note this question has a limit of 1,200 characters; ½ page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

Please provide a short summary of the project's/initiative's patient safety and/or healthcare quality-related achievements and the importance of these achievements, including their specific impact on patient safety and/or healthcare quality.

Please note – if your submission is selected, this excerpt might be used in publications. This section should be written similar to a journal abstract with a few sentences addressing key concepts related to the project/initiative such as:

- Area of patient safety and/or quality addressed
- Describe the advancement in the area of patient safety and/or quality
- Explain the proven impact on improving patient safety and/or quality
- Replicability across organizations and/or impacts a wide range of the patient safety and/or quality arena
- Demonstrate your sustained results

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**Describe how the project/initiative addresses an important area for improving patient safety and quality.** (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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**Describe how the project/initiative represents a new innovative or novel approach in the area of patient safety and quality.** (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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**Describe the ways in which the project/initiative represents a significant advancement in the area of patient safety and quality.** (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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**Describe how the project/initiative is proven to have a direct impact on improving patient safety and quality. For example, use specific examples of your success/improvement.** (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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**Describe how the project/initiative can be replicated across organizations and/or impacts a wide range of the patient safety and quality arena. Share experiences or suggestions on how others could implement.** (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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**Describe how the problem was identified, the timeframe the project/initiative was implemented, any challenges/barriers encountered and how they were resolved, and how ongoing sustainability is monitored.** (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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## **UPLOADS**

**Please upload a document provide data to support how the project/program has reached and sustained the described achievement (e.g., spreadsheet documenting change, graph model of reduction in safety events, graphical representation over time, etc.) If you have more than one model, please combine into one document.** (This is kept to a minimum of one combined file in a PDF and is limited to seven pages. Any information exceeding the seventh page will not be considered.)

**Please upload a Bio-Sketch for the lead of the initiative.** (Please note this PDF has a limit of 2 pages).

*End of application for National and Local*

## Individual Award Application

Name/Title of Individual Nominated (include credentials): \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Individual Submitting Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Brief Summary of Individual's Lifetime Achievement

Please provide an abstract of the individual's substantial lifetime patient safety and/or healthcare quality-related achievements and the importance of these achievements, including their specific impact on patient safety and/or healthcare quality. Please feel free to elaborate on the achievements in the questions below. (Please note this question has a limit of 1,200 characters. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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Describe how the individual (nominee) has addressed an important area for improving patient safety and quality. (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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**Describe the ways in which the individual has made a significant advancement in the area of patient safety and quality.** (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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**Describe how the individual's contribution has been proven to have a direct impact on improving patient safety and quality.** (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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**Describe how/why the individual's contribution has represented an innovation in the area of patient safety and quality?** (Please note this question has a limit of 2,500 characters, or 1 page. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

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minimum of one combined file in a PDF and is limited to seven pages. Any information exceeding the seventh page will not be considered.)

**Please upload the individual's (nominee's) CV.** (Please note this question has a limit of 12,500 characters, or 3 pages. If you are copying and pasting from another document, your submission will be truncated if it exceeds the character limit).

*End of application for Individual Award*

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