First Annual WHA Quality and Patient Safety Awards Presented

The WHA Quality and Patient Safety Awards recognize hospitals that advance and improve patient outcomes in Wisconsin. The program has two award categories – *Excellence in Health Care Quality and Patient Safety* and *Hospital Mentorship and Quality Champion*.

The Excellence in Health Care Quality and Patient Safety award recognizes hospitals committed to taking innovative steps to improve quality, patient safety and patient outcomes. There is an award for three different bed-size categories.

The Hospital Mentorship and Quality Champion award recognizes a hospital for demonstrating mentoring relationships and engagement through active participation, collaboration and the sharing of tools and resources with other hospitals.

WHA presented the first annual Quality and Patient Safety awards to the following four hospitals at a recognition dinner in Madison on Feb. 27. Each hospital was awarded a plaque and shared an overview of their work.

The *Excellence in Healthcare Quality & Patient Safety Award winners* are:
- **Tomah Health** for MOVIN® - Mobilizing Older adults Via a system-based Intervention (0-25 bed size category)
- **Aurora Medical Center,** Mount Pleasant for Improving Care for Older Adults through Age Friendly Implementation (26-99 bed size category)
- **Children's Wisconsin, Milwaukee** for Embedding Food Insecurity Screening and Follow-Up in a Pediatric Emergency Department (100+ bed size category)

The *Hospital Mentorship & Quality Champion Award* recipient is:
- **Fort HealthCare**

Tomah Health, Tomah

Aurora Medical Center, Mount Pleasant

Children's Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Fort HealthCare, Fort Atkinson

WHA would also like to recognize nominations that received honorable mention:

The *Excellence in Healthcare Quality & Patient Safety Award* honorable mentions are:

0-25 bed size category:
- **Reedsburg Area Medical Center** for QAPI The Path to Awesome
- **Westfields Hospital and Clinic** for Optimal Diabetes Control

26-99 bed size category:
- **Aurora Medical Center-Kenosha** for Improving Care for Older Adults through Age-Friendly Implementation
- **Aurora Medical Center- Manitowoc County** for Standardized Department Huddle Project

100+ bed size category:
- **Ascension Wisconsin /St. Elizabeth Hospital** for Improving Patient Safety with Opioid Treatment
- **Aurora Medical Center – West Allis** for Improving Care for Older Adults through Age-Friendly Implementation

The *Hospital Mentorship & Quality Champion Award* honorable mention is:

- **Aurora Medical Center**

Congratulations to all the WHA Quality Award recipients, honorable mentions and nominees.

To learn more about the quality improvement work taking place in Wisconsin hospitals and health systems, WHA will be hosting its second annual WHA Health Care Quality Showcase at the Capitol Rotunda on March 20, 2024, in conjunction with WHA's Advocacy Day. Find more information, including which hospitals will be exhibiting, [here](#).

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