

# 2026 Health Care Quality Showcase

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Capitol Rotunda 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Participating Hospital/Health Care Organizations:

## **Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital - St. Joseph Campus**

*Reducing Blood Transfusions During Childbirth*

Courtney Pickar, MS,RNC-OB,ACNS-BC,C-ONQS,C-EFM

## **Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital**

*Early Identification of C. difficile: Improving Safety Through Screening*

Amber Garner, RN, BS, CIC - Infection Prevention Coordinator - Aspirus Southeast Division

Volodymyr Manko MD, MBA - Regional Medical Director - Aspirus System Hospitalist Quality

Amanda Walloch, BSN RN - Director of Quality & Patient Safety - Aspirus Southeast Division

Beth Sekerka, MSN, RN - VP-Chief Nursing Officer - Aspirus Southeast Division

Melody Neitzel MSN, RN -Director of Nursing - Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital

## **Bellin Health Oconto Hospital**

*Reducing Parking Lot and Lobby Falls*

Halie Ruechel, RN, Quality Resource Specialist

## **Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital**

*Lock It Up: A Safe Gun and Medication Storage Program for Safer Homes and Communities*

Jennifer Zaspel, MD

Allison McCool, MSW

## **Crossing Rivers Health**

*Colorectal Cancer Screening ---Crossing Rivers Health*

Maria Mathis, RN Clinic Director

## **Emplify Health by Bellin**

*Early Education in Newly Diagnosed Gestational Diabetes & Insulin-Dependent Pregnancies*

Janel Satori, RN, BSN, Emplify by Bellin - Quality Resource Specialist

*Using The Emplify Health Management System to Drive Improvement*

Scott Revoir, BSN, RN, Quality Team Leader

## **Emplify Health by Bellin Behavioral Health**

*Behavioral Health - Reducing Restraints and Seclusion*

Jennifer Jansen, MS, BSN, RN, CPHQ Quality Resource Specialist

Josee Gill DNP, RN, CPHQ Director Quality, Bellin Region

## **Froedtert ThedaCare & Medical College of Wisconsin**

*Successful Implementation of a Screening Protocol to Detect Candida auris Colonization in High-Risk Patient Populations in an Academic Medical System*

Jennifer Arvan, BSN, RN, CIC

Philip Gorecki, BSN, RN, CIC, DICO-C

*Strengthening Culture and Connection: Measurable Impacts of a Systemwide Well-Being Strategy*

Amanda Stadler, Well-Being Program Manager, Froedtert ThedaCare Health & MCW

Alicia Pilarski, DO, Chief Well-Being Officer, Froedtert ThedaCare Health & MCW, Professor of Emergency Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin

## **Emplify Health by Gundersen**

*Your Roadmap to Closing Equity Gaps and Increasing Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life*

Kacee Kammel, MSN, RN, Quality Improvement Specialist

## **Mayo Clinic Health System - Eau Claire**

*Predictive Modeling for Efficient Patient Selection and Transfer to Critical Access Hospitals*

Satyabrata Pati, M.S.

## **Mayo Clinic Health System - Red Cedar in Menomonie**

*Implementation of 4M Age-Friendly Health System Framework in a Rural Critical Access Hospital*

Kim Abel, MSN RN, Nurse Manager

*Regulatory Hurdles, Rural Solutions: Expanding Access to Hospital at Home*

Margaret Paulson, DO

## **Reedsburg Area Medical Center**

*Improving Patient Safety Through Reduction of Blood Culture Contamination*

Lyssa Leege, RN BSN, PSQ Data Analyst

Danielle Shear, BSCLS, Laboratory Director

Jen Shirek BSCLS, Laboratory Manager

## **River Falls Area Hospital**

*Breaking the Chain: A Multi-layered Defense Against Hospital-Acquired C. difficile*

Madeleine Simpson, MLS (ASCP) CM Infection Preventionist

## **SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital**

### *Daily Huddle Improvement*

Jeri Loewe, RN, Continuous Improvement Manager Sr

### *Care for Caregivers*

Sue Mitchell Metz, RN, BSN

Evelyn Schaefer, PsyD

## **SSM Health Monroe Hospital**

### *Increasing Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Awareness with Post-Birth Alert Bands*

Nancy Patrick DNP, RNC-OB, C-EFM

Michele Schiess, MBA, CMPE

## **SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital**

### *Safety in Reporting*

Lacie Borde, RN Perioperative Administrative Director

### *Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Done Right: Enhancing Clarity and Compliance*

Erin Bening

## **SSM Health - Wisconsin Region**

### *Improving Goals of Care Documentation to Reduce In-Hospital Mortality and Align Care with Patient Preferences*

Lori LaMasney, MSN, RN, CEN, Quality Specialist

Megan Hansen, DNP, RN, Quality Specialist

## **The Richland Hospital and Clinics**

### *Improving Medication Management and Safety Through Pharmacist Led Initiatives*

David Kepler, Director of Pharmacy

Madeline Oie, Manager | Community Pharmacy

## **WHA Collaborative Statewide Initiatives**

## **Wisconsin Rural Health Substance Use Clinical Support Program (RHeSUS)**

### **University of Wisconsin, PROTEA - Madison**

#### *Supporting Rural Providers to Improve Treatment for Residents with Substance Use Disorder*

Kathleen Maher, BA, Outreach Manager, PROTEA - University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **Wisconsin Dental Pain Protocol**

*Reducing Emergency Department Opioids for Non-traumatic Dental Pain*

Lisa Bullard-Cawthorne, MS, MPH, WDPP Developer and Technical Assistance Provider

## **Hospitals Championing Mental Health Care for Wisconsin's Health Workers**

*Caring for Wisconsin's Caregivers Statewide Initiative*

Michael E. Stadler, MD FACS Health Workforce Wellbeing Landmark Initiative Champion, Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment

## **Advancing Integrity for Data Equity and Accuracy (IDEA)**

Casey Zimpel, BSN, RN, CPHQ, WHA Clinical Quality Improvement Manager

## **Superior Health Quality Alliance 13SOW QIN QIO Program**

Jenny Pritchett, BSN, RN, MPH, MBA, CIC, CPHQ, Clinical Quality Improvement Manager