



Texas Hospital
Association Foundation

Hospital Improvement Innovation Network

Join Now!

Thanks to the work of hospitals across the country that have participated in the Hospital Engagement Network, hospitals have been able to save more than 87,000 lives and improve patient safety with over \$19.8 billion in cost savings over the past four years. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recognizes the importance of hospitals taking a leadership role in this area and has provided additional funding to continue this work for another two years through its newest initiative, the Hospital Improvement Innovation Network. The HIINs will pursue ambitious new goals of reducing all-cause inpatient harm by 20 percent and readmissions by 12 percent by 2019.

The Texas Hospital Association is partnering with the Health Research and Educational Trust of the American Hospital Association on this new initiative. Join your colleagues in improving quality and patient safety through the HRET HIIN, a diverse network of support and resources that will include more than 1,700 hospitals across 32 states.

What Will Your Hospital Receive?

THA and the HRET national team will provide:

- On-site and virtual **technical assistance and coaching** on quality improvement; culture change; patient and family engagement; and data submission, interpretation and analysis;
- **Cross-cutting resources** targeting the HIIN harm areas;
- **Clinical topic-specific resources and peer-to-peer resources**, including up-to-date checklists, change packages and case studies;
- **Peer-to-peer networking and sharing** at national virtual trainings and in-person events; and
- **Best practice hospital stories and case studies** that highlight specific topics and provide detailed information on successes and lessons learned.

How Can Your Hospital Participate?

Participating hospitals must:

- **Commit.** Have your CEO and quality lead co-sign the letter of commitment for the project.

- **Submit data.** Collect and submit monthly data on commonly reported, nationally standardized quality measures to document your hospital's progress in improving quality and patient safety.
- **Engage and share.** Engage with subject matter experts and share your improvement stories with peers; prepare for and participate in site visits to help us learn about barriers and other issues affecting your hospital; and support changes within your facility by utilizing HRET's cross-cutting approach to improve patient safety on all topics.

Core Topics

The HIIN will focus on the following core topics:

- Adverse drug events;
- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections;
- Central line-associated bloodstream infections;
- Clostridium difficile;
- Injuries from falls or immobility;
- Pressure ulcers;
- Readmissions;
- Sepsis and septic shock;
- Surgical site infections;
- Venous thromboembolism; and
- Ventilator-associated events.

Additional Areas of Focus

The HIIN also will address the following areas:

- Addressing malnutrition in the inpatient setting;
- Airway safety;
- Developing metric to measure and report on all cause-harm;
- Diagnostic errors;
- Hospital culture of safety;
- Iatrogenic delirium;
- Multidrug-resistant organisms; and
- Undue exposure to radiation.

For more information, go to www.tha.org/hiin or contact Karen Kendrick at kkendrick@tha.org or 512/465-1091.