

Congratulations Good Samaritan Hospital and Jefferson Community Health Center for your outstanding "Quest for Excellence" achievements!

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About the Award

The Quest for Excellence award is jointly sponsored by the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA), CIMRO of Nebraska, the Nebraska Association of Healthcare Quality (NEAHQ), and the Health & Human Services System Office of Public Health. The award is designed to recognize Nebraska hospitals for their outstanding quality improvement activities. There are two different categories: Critical Access Hospital (CAH) and Non-Critical Access Hospital (CAH).

2009 Award Recipients:

Non-CAH award recipient - Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney

Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) in Kearney, Nebraska implemented a continuous improvement project in 2008-2009 in their Emergency Department (ED) to improve the quality of patient care and satisfaction by reducing the wait time it took to be evaluated by the physician or allied health professional. Using LEAN methodology, Good Samaritan successfully created a sustainable and portable solution to ED patient care. Patient and employee satisfaction have improved and the facility is seeing a cost savings with a new T-system.

CAH award recipient - Jefferson Community Health Center, Fairbury

Jefferson Community Health Center (JCHC) in Fairbury, Nebraska has taken its focus on quality of medication administration to the forefront. JCHC implemented Intellidot Barcoding in January 2008 after 4 years of researching the subject of barcoding and medication administration safety. Literature shows that adverse drug events cause one out of five injuries or deaths to hospital patients in the United States. JCHC was successful in implementing this quality improvement project to increase patient safety in their facility.

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