

# Hospital Improvement Innovation Network

Improve Quality and Patient Safety at your Hospital and Impact National Health Outcomes

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## Join Now!

Thanks to the work of hospitals across the country that have participated in the Hospital Engagement Network (HEN), we have been able to save over 87,000 lives and improve patient safety with over \$19.8 billion in cost savings over the past four years! CMS 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. We encourage you to join the Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN)! The HIINs will align, accelerate and amplify the success of the HENs and Quality Improvement Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIO) over the past four years. Together, the HIINs will pursue ambitious new goals of **reducing all-cause inpatient harm by 20 percent and readmissions by 12 percent by 2019.**

Join your colleagues in improving quality and patient safety through the HRET HIIN, a diverse network of support and resources that will include over 1,700 hospitals across 32 states.

## What Will Your Hospital Receive?

Your state partner 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, analysis and more.
- **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**.
- **Best practice hospital stories and case studies** which highlight specific topics and provide detailed information on successes and lessons learned.

## How Can Your Hospital Participate?

- **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.
  - Support changes within your facility by utilizing HRET's **cross-cutting approach** to improve patient safety on all topics.

## Hospitals engaged in the HRET HIIN will receive ongoing support and resources on the following topics:

### Core HIIN Topics

- Adverse drug events (ADE)
- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)
- Central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSI)
- Clostridium difficile (*C. diff*)
- Injuries from falls and immobility
- Pressure ulcers (PrU)
- Readmissions
- Sepsis and septic shock
- Surgical site infections (SSI)
- Venous thromboembolism (VTE)
- Ventilator-associated events (VAE)

### Additional HIIN Topics

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

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