

# Wisconsin Hospital Association Quality Awards Program - 2025



The **Second Annual WHA Quality Awards** program honors Wisconsin hospitals dedicated to advancing healthcare through exceptional quality performance, strong engagement, and a commitment to continuous improvement. Each award recipient will be recognized at an awards celebration dinner in early 2025. All submissions will be encouraged to present their stories in conjunction with Advocacy Day in April at the Health Care Quality Showcase.

## Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:**  
Friday, December 20, 2024, by 5 p.m.  
Submit your applications via [Microsoft Forms](#).

## Excellence in Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety Award

This award is for hospitals demonstrating commitment to healthcare advancement through innovative quality improvements and measurable patient safety outcomes.

## Award Classifications (4)

- **General Medical and Surgical Hospitals:**
  - 1 - Critical Access Hospital - 1 to 25 beds
  - 1 - General Medical Surgical Hospital - 26 to 99 beds
  - 1 - General Medical Surgical Hospital - 100 beds and greater
- **Specialty Care Hospital**
  - 1 - Psychiatric/Behavioral Health, Long-term Acute Care, or Rehabilitation Hospital

## Application Process

### To Apply:

- Complete the required applicant information form by clicking on the link provided. We encourage you to complete the application form in one sitting. Please fill out each section with as much information as you can. If you don't have specific information for a particular field, simply enter "N/A."
- Applications must demonstrate clarity, adherence to required categories, and evidence of best practices. Please reach out to us with any questions you have during the application process.

## Submission Guidelines

- Multiple applications per organization are welcomed.
- Each application must reflect an improvement project completed within the last 12 months.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applicants will receive email confirmation of application receipt.

## **Review Criteria**

The WHA Quality team will conduct an initial review of all submissions for completeness. Completed applications will then be evaluated by the team based on the following five categories:

1. Process of identifying need and project scope
2. Leadership and planning
3. Process improvement methods
4. Results
5. Lessons learned/sustainability

## **Suggested Topics for Improvement Projects**

- Adverse drug events
- Antibiotic stewardship
- Behavioral health
- Engaging community partners in care
- Health equity and social determinants of health
- Infection prevention
- Maternal and child health
- Opioid and substance use disorders
- Patient and family engagement
- Reducing readmissions
- Transitions of care across the continuum
- Workforce well-being
- And more!

Hospitals must apply by **Friday, December 20, 2024**

Award Winners will be announced in early 2025. For more information, please contact the WHA Quality Team at [quality@wha.org](mailto:quality@wha.org).