



Press Release: National Improvement Challenge on Prevention of Surgical Site Infections After Major Gynecologic Surgery Award Winners

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The Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care has announced the winning submissions for the National Improvement Challenge on Prevention of Surgical Site Infections After Major Gynecologic Surgery. The Council received many highly qualified submissions and awards were granted after a rigorous review, including an evaluation of the use of the Council's patient safety materials, improvements in processes and outcomes, and demonstrated multidisciplinary collaboration.

The National Improvement Challenge on Prevention of Surgical Site Infections After Major Gynecologic Surgery award winners are:

- First Place – Tie (\$2,500 each): Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital | Roanoke, VA AND Yale School of Medicine | New Haven, CT
- Third Place (\$1,000): York College of PA/WellSpan Health Nurse Anesthesia Program | York, PA
- Fourth Place: Jamaica Hospital Medical Center | Jamaica, NY

You can learn more about each of the winning programs and the innovative initiatives that they have deployed to address surgical site infection prevention during an upcoming Safety Action Series. Additional details will be made available on the Council's website when registration is opened.

About the National Improvement Challenge

The National Improvement Challenge is the Council's initiative that seeks to improve women's health care through the development of patient safety and quality improvement projects at the residency and educational program level. Through the Challenge the Council seeks to foster a culture of collaboration, teamwork, patient safety, and communication between clinicians and patients while concurrently increasing widespread implementation of the safety tools and resources put forth by the Council.

The next cycle of the Challenge focused on the Safe Reduction of Primary Cesarean Birth is expected to open in December 2017.

To learn more about the Challenge and the Council's other efforts, visit:

www.safehealthcareforeverywoman.org

