

THE NATIONAL IMPROVEMENT CHALLENGE

DETAILED DESCRIPTION AND COMPLETE RULES

OBJECTIVES

- To encourage patient safety and quality improvement projects at the residency and educational program levels.
- To increase widespread implementation of Council developed and endorsed materials, including but not limited to Patient Safety Bundles.
- To foster a culture of collaboration, teamwork, patient safety, and communication between clinicians and patients to promote the Council's mission: *safe health care for every woman*.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any individual or team in the United States currently in any of the following: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA, DNAP), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Midwifery (CM, CNM) educational programs or Anesthesia, Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Osteopathic Obstetrics and Gynecology residency programs.
- Health systems with any combination of the aforementioned residency or educational programs are encouraged to submit a joint project across programs.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Institutions must submit a [Declaration of Intent](#) for each cycle to be eligible to submit a final application during the cycle.
- 2) Institutions declaring intent are eligible to submit the [Application Form](#). The Application Form is found on the Council's site and has areas to upload the required items outlined below.

a. Project Narrative

The project narrative should be developed in Microsoft Word uploaded directly into the online Application Form in the designated area.

It must include the following:

- Specific objective(s) related to the project topic for the current cycle.
- Stakeholders involved (list of all participating clinicians, patients, hospital administrators, and others who participated actively in the design or implementation of the project should be listed as an appendix)
- Measurements (qualitative and/or quantitative)
- Steps for implementation
- Anticipated outcomes
- The narrative should be single-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins and should be no longer than 4 pages. Figures, charts, and pictures may be included separately as appendices but must be described or explained in

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the text submission (within 4-page limit). Any references should be submitted in APA format. Institution name should appear on each page in the footer.

Please note: Approval by your institutional review board (IRB) may be required depending the project design and/or the methods of research proposed. IRB approval is dependent on your institution's policies, and is not a required component of this application. Please check with your institution regarding the need for IRB approval.

b. Authorized Signature Form


The [Authorized Signature Form](#) must be completed by one hospital or health system administrator from each applying institution and uploaded directly into the online Application Form in the designated upload area.

EVALUATION

Submissions will be evaluated and voted on by the Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care on the following criterion:

1. Documentation of improved structures, processes, or outcomes.
2. Use of Council developed materials.
3. Demonstrated interdisciplinary collaborative engagement.

Engagement Scale

One person e.g.) resident, nurse, etc.	Several people e.g.) multiple individuals from one discipline	Residents & Nurses	Residents & Nurses & Midwives & Faculty	Residents & Nurses & Midwives & NPs Faculty & Hospital Administration	Residents & Nurses & Midwives & NPs & CNS Faculty & Hospital Administration & Non-Hospital Providers	Residents & Nurses & Midwives & NPs & CNS Faculty & Hospital Administration & Non-Hospital Providers & Patients
						
Low		Engagement			High	

AWARDS

First Place

- \$3,000 award (check to be made payable to program)
- Two paid registrations to ACOG's annual meeting or other national meeting of a selected clinical professional organization*

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- Opportunity to present your project on one of the Council's Safety Action Series calls to a national audience of patient advocates, clinicians, and other stakeholders (15-minute duration – 10 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions)

Second Place

- \$2,000 award (check to be made payable to program)
- One paid registration to ACOG's annual meeting or other national meeting of a selected clinical professional organization*
- Opportunity to present your project on one of the Council's Safety Action Series calls to a national audience of patient advocates, clinicians, and other stakeholders (15-minute duration – 10 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions)

Third Place

- \$1,000 award (check to be made payable to program)
- Opportunity to present your project on one of the Council's Safety Action Series calls to a national audience of patient advocates, clinicians, and other stakeholders (15-minute duration – 10 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions)

Fourth Place

- Opportunity to present your project on one of the Council's Safety Action Series calls to a national audience of patient advocates, clinicians, and other stakeholders (15-minute duration – 10 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions)

**Travel expenses for attendees to and from any awarded meetings are not covered. Registration fees will be covered for the specified number for the meeting(s) immediately following the award notice, unless other arrangements are made.*