



2023 OHA Excellence in Clinical Quality Awards Application Instructions

(Applications must be submitted electronically and are due on or before September 15, 2023, at 12:00 noon.)

The OHA Excellence in Quality Awards recognize exceptional efforts to improve hospital clinical quality/care and patient safety in Oklahoma hospitals and represent the highest level of professional acknowledgement from the OHA Board and the OHA Council on Quality. The Awards recognize outcomes in clinical quality performance practices, capabilities, and results, that directly impact and improve patient care and patient safety in Oklahoma member hospitals.

Hospitals are encouraged to participate in the awards submission process to recognize clinical quality improvement, patient safety efforts, and progress, in creating an environment focused on clinical patient safety and effectiveness.

One award will be presented to a hospital in each of four categories based upon a hospital's licensed bed-size:

- (1) ≤25 beds (including Critical Access Hospitals)
- (2) 26-100 beds
- (3) 101-300 beds
- (4) greater than 300 beds.

Applicant Requirements

1. Applicants must be OHA members;
2. A hospital may submit up to three applications.
3. Awards will be given during OHA Connect 23, November 29-30, 2023.
4. Recipients of an OHA Excellence in Quality Award will receive prior notification of receipt of the award prior to OHA Connect 23, November 29-30, 2023.
5. Award recipients will receive an awards package with:
 - A storyboard poster to display at OHA Connect 23;
 - Inclusion of storyboard poster in an awards compendium published on the OHA website;
 - An award plaque;
 - Professional photo of hospital staff/leadership;
 - Public recognition via media release with support from OHA.
(Please note: OHA Connect 23 registration is not included.)

Submission Requirements

1. Submission must address a **clinical topic area** of improvement that impacted and improved patient care, patient safety, and/or decreasing harm to patients, initiated on or after January 1, 2020.
2. A fully completed application submitted electronically to Patrice Greenawalt: pgreenawalt@okoha.com no later than 12:00 pm on September 15, 2023. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
 - a. Application must be submitted in an editable format, such as Microsoft Word;
 - b. Application must be submitted utilizing the template provided.
3. Additional items to be submitted with application:
 - a. Team photo
 - b. Visual representation of at least 6 months of data reflecting improvement (i.e.: a graph, table, run chart.)
 - c. CEO Affidavit

Questions? Contact Patrice Greenawalt: pgreenawalt@okoha.com.



Tips to consider when submitting your application:

1. Was the completed application submitted timely, and in the prescribed format?
2. Did the project clearly reflect an impact and improvement in patient care, patient safety, and/or decreasing harm to patients?
3. Did the project include six months of outcome data?
4. Was the project goal(s) clearly stated and specific; was the goal(s) stated in SMART format (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-limited?)
5. Did the improvement team include a senior leader, a champion, and a front-line worker? Did you have support from senior leadership?
6. Was utilized and explained in the application narrative?
7. What direct impact(s) did the outcome(s) have on patient care?
8. How did you identify and address interventions that did not work? What did you learn from an intervention(s) that was not anticipated? Did you utilize the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) model for improvement?
9. To whom did you report challenges and successes (i.e.: unit staff, committees, board, others)?
10. What are your plans to continue success(es)? How did you imbed interventions into processes to ensure continued success? Are you engaging other unit(s) in your hospital to implement the interventions?
11. What are your suggestions for other facilities embarking on a similar improvement project?
12. Was a team photo attached, including the name/title of each team member?
13. Is visual representation with at least 6 months of improvement included?
14. Is the CEO/CNO Affidavit signed and attached?