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Qualis Health Presents the Washington State Awards of Excellence in Healthcare Quality

Seattle, WA – [Qualis Health](#) presented the 2010 Awards of Excellence in Healthcare Quality today, recognizing nine Washington State healthcare organizations. Since 2002, the Awards of Excellence in Healthcare Quality have recognized organizations in Washington that have made significant contributions to healthcare through innovative, measurable improvements in care.

The awards were presented during a luncheon ceremony at the [2011 Annual Northwest Patient Safety Conference](#), hosted by the Washington Patient Safety Coalition. Jonathan Sugarman, MD, MPH, President and CEO of Qualis Health, presented the awards to the nine healthcare organizations that were selected from this year's submissions.

“Across the country, healthcare providers are working to implement three important aims: improved care of individual patients, better health of populations and reduced per capita costs,” stated Jonathan Sugarman, MD, MPH, President and CEO of Qualis Health. “The endeavors of the organizations we are honoring today targeted improvements in all three areas.”

This year's awards recognized accomplishments in hospital, outpatient and long term care settings. Qualis Health received a record-breaking number of submissions.

Three awardees delivered presentations on the success, challenges and outcomes of their projects at the conference after the awards ceremony. The presentations were given by Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington Medical Center and Virginia Mason Medical Center, whose applications were scored most highly by a panel including 12 community experts.

The [2010 Quality Awards of Excellence in Healthcare Quality](#) were presented to the following organizations and their projects:

Columbia Basin Health Association
Improving Tdap Vaccinations in Postpartum Patients

Group Health Cooperative
Medication Reconciliation by Ambulatory Clinical Pharmacists Post Hospital Discharge

Harborview Medical Center
Code Sepsis: Improving Survival in Sepsis with Early Identification and Activation of a Critical Care Team

Providence Regional Medical Center Everett
Implementation of Antimicrobial Therapy Monitoring Service

Puget Sound Healthcare
Pressure Ulcer Reduction

Swedish Health Services
Reducing Sepsis Mortality through Improved Patient Transitions from Emergency Department to Intensive Care Unit

University of Washington Medical Center
Infection Control Breakthrough Goal Project: A Systems-Level Approach to Eliminating Healthcare-Acquired MRSA, CLABSI, Respiratory Virus Infections, VAP and CAUTI

Virginia Mason Medical Center
Improving the Safety, Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Medication Administration Process

Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital
Outpatient Infusion Care—Throughput Workout

Qualis Health applauds the 2010 Awards of Excellence in Healthcare Quality recipients.

About Qualis Health

[Qualis Health](#) is dedicated to improving the quality of healthcare delivery and health outcomes for individuals and populations across the nation. Headquartered in Seattle, Washington, the nonprofit healthcare quality improvement and consulting organization strives to achieve performance excellence for its clients by focusing on best practices and providing a range of services that lead to better quality care, high patient and provider satisfaction and greater efficiency. Qualis Health holds the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) contracts for Idaho and Washington, and also provides care management, quality assessment and improvement and health information technology consulting services across the country. The organization's products and services directly influence care delivered to over 10 million people.

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