

**Announcement of the**

**2012 Office of Nursing Services Innovations Awards**

The Office of Nursing Services (ONS) is pleased to announce the **2012 winners of the prestigious Nursing Services Innovations Award**! A list of the winning innovations and their accompanying narratives may be found on the Office of Nursing Services Intranet site at: [**http://vaww.va.gov/NURSING/nationalawards.asp**](http://vaww.va.gov/NURSING/nationalawards.asp).

Over forty entries were submitted from across VHA utilizing this year’s theme, **Prospective Risk Management: Creating and Sustaining the High Reliability Organization**. While the winners in the table attached represent the “best of the best,” all entries described valuable programs and initiatives led by VA nurses.

All award recipients will be recognized in multiple venues In addition, each of the award recipients will receive a team award of $10,000 to be distributed equally among members.

The Office of Nursing Services recognizes all teams for their submissions, and applauds each of them for their innovation and commitment to quality patient care! We also extend a sincere “thank you” to the individuals who volunteered as reviewers during this important selection process.



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Attachment: 2012 Innovations Awards for **Prospective Risk Management: Creating and Sustaining the High Reliability Organization.**

**2012 Office of Nursing Services Innovations Award Recipients**

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| **Title of Submission** | **VISN/Facility** | **Team** | **Submission** | **Score** |
| **Striving For Zero Avoidable Pressure Ulcers: An Interprofessional Commitment to Achieving & Sustaining Excellence** | 9/James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center | Mona M. Baharestani, PhD, APN, CWON, FACCWS  Stephanie Cox, RN, BSN, CWCN  Polly Whitaker, RN, BSN, CWS  Terena Burkey, RN, BSN, CWS  Kristi Marshall, RN, BSN  Jonathon Pollitte, MD  Melissa Maya, LPN  Diana Moore, PTA  Michelle Shively, RN, BSN |  | **470** |
| **Ensuring Excellence in End of Life Care for Veterans** | 6/ Salem VAMC | Dorothy Rizzo, MSN  Laura Hart, PA-C |  | **449** |
| **Code STEMI: Enhancing Care of Patients with ST Segment Elevated Myocardial Infarctions** | 15/ John J. Pershing VA Medical Center | Kristie Harmon, RN, BSN  Sydney Wertenberger, RN, MSN, NEA-BC  Bradford Davis, RN, BSN  Dr. Vajayachandran Nair  Melody Morris  Terry Farmer, RN  Angela Wallhauser  Melinda Young RN MSN |  | **448** |
| **Nurse Led, Interdisciplinary Approach to Reducing Readmissions Utilizing Project Reenginering Discharge (RED)** | 21/ Palo Alto HCS (Palo Alto) | David Renfro, MS, RN, NE-BC  Roberta Oka, RN, ACNS/R  Evann Hall, RN  Gloria Martinez, MS, RN, NEA-BC  Paul Helgerson, MD  Robyn Medcalf, SW  Sandra Parkes, RN  Linda Frommer, Veteran and Family Centered Care Coordinator |  | **437** |
| **Integrated Fee/Non-VA Care Services: A unique Patient Care Approach** | 6/ W.G “Bill” Hefner VAMC | Melissa Zimmerman, RN, MSN  Kelley Miller, MAS  Gregory Scott, MD  Tamara Monroe, MAS |  | **435** |
| **Assuring Inpatient Bed Availability with Nurse-Led Multidisciplinary Discharge Huddles** | 18/ Southern Arizona VA Health Care System | Donna Cole-Beyer, RN, MSN  Mary R. Walter, RN, ADPCS  Susan Wood, RN  Diana J. Smith  Kari A Roether, RN  Albert M. Dobbins  Florence A Gores, RN  Betsy Coss, LCSW |  | **432** |
| **Redesigning Care to Decrease Readmission Rates – Patient with Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)** | 4/ VAMC Wilmington | Collen Donahue, BSN, RN, CCM  Mary Alice Johnson, MS, RN, ADPCS  Michelle Lai, PharmD  Margret Felton, RD |  | **432** |
| **Using Simulation With Interprofessional team Training to Improve RRT/Code Performance** | 4/ Philadelphia VAMC | Patricia Dillon, PhD, RN  Helene Moriartry, PhD, RN  Gregg Lipschik, MD  Steven Hickens, BSN, RN  Sandra Shlifer, MSN, RN  Anthony Au, PharmD  Maria Carpenter, MSN, RN |  | **427** |
| **Supporting Veterans & Their Caregivers After Hospital Discharge: The Transitional Care (TLC) Partners Program** | 6/ Durham VA Geriatrics Research Education, and Clinical Center | Cristinia C. Hendrix, DNS, GNP-BC, RN  Sabrina Forest, DNP, ANP-C, RN  Sara Tepfer, MSW, LCSW  Jeannette Stein, MD  Valerie Fox OTR/L |  | **426** |
| **Reducing Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections Through the Implementation of the Bladder Management Protocol** | 1/ VA Boston Healthcare System | Vanessa Coronel, RN  Gilda Cain, RN  Lori Lerner, MD |  | **405** |