Lewis W. Blackman
Patient Safety Champion Awards Program

Honoring those individuals who have advanced patient safety and health care quality in South Carolina

2012 Call for Nominations

MAME
South Carolina Hospital Association
Health Sciences South Carolina
PHITS
South Carolina
These awards are named in honor of Lewis Wardlaw Blackman, a bright, gifted 15-year-old who died following an elective surgical procedure in 2000 due to complications related to a medication error. Helen Haskell, Lewis’s mother, has provided inspiration for this award through her tireless and meaningful work to promote patient safety and quality improvement across this state and nation.

These awards were established by the founding partners of the South Carolina Patient Safety Symposium: Health Sciences South Carolina (HSSC); PHT Services, Ltd. (PHTS); the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA); and Mothers Against Medical Error (MAME). It is a dynamic way to celebrate the achievements of individual patient safety champions in South Carolina and to establish a benchmark of excellence in health care quality and patient safety for our state. Award winners will be recognized during the April 25, 2012, Patient Safety Symposium celebration luncheon at the Columbia Marriott Hotel.

The nomination process for the Lewis Blackman Patient Safety Champion Awards Program includes this nomination form and the submission requirements related to the nomination process. Please note the submission deadline of March 9, 2012. Any nominations received after this date will not be eligible for consideration for the 2012 awards.

We believe this annual awards program provides an excellent opportunity to recognize deserving individuals who have championed the cause for patient safety through visionary leadership, innovation and execution at all levels in the South Carolina health care system. We encourage each of you to consider submitting a nomination in one or more of the categories and to share this document with any other individual or group that may want to participate in the nominating process. Please contact Dr. Rick Foster at rfoster@scha.org if you have any questions or comments about this exciting patient safety recognition program.

Best wishes and good luck!

We are extremely pleased to announce the fifth annual Lewis Blackman Patient Safety Champion Awards Program to recognize individuals who have demonstrated exemplary dedication and leadership in advancing the quality and safety of health care for patients across South Carolina.

Thornton Kirby
President & CEO
SCHA

David Dodge
President & CEO
PHTS

Dr. Jay Moskowitz
President & CEO
HSSC

Helen Haskell
President
MAME

David S. Pankau
President & CEO
BCBS
frequently asked questions

Who can submit nominations?
Anyone can submit a nomination.

Who can be nominated?
The nominee must be a resident of South Carolina or be actively involved with patient safety initiatives in South Carolina even if residence is in a different state.

How do I submit a nomination?
Nominations must be submitted electronically by visiting www.tinyurl.com/LBnomination no later than March 9, 2012. You will receive a confirmation of receipt within five business days of submission.

How are nominations judged?
Nominations will be judged by an awards selection committee this is established by the sponsoring organizations of the 2012 Patient Safety Symposium.

How are award winners recognized?
Winners will be recognized and honored at a celebration luncheon on April 25, 2012. This will be held during the first day of the fifth annual Patient Safety Symposium. Winners will also be recognized through media relations, publications and the websites of the sponsoring organizations.

Will the winners be informed prior to the symposium?
Yes. The winners will be contacted and invited to attend the symposium along with two guests.

Whom should I contact with questions?
Please contact Kimberly Hubbard, Quality and Patient Safety Project Coordinator at 803.744.3557 or khubbard@scha.org.

Will all nominees be recognized for their nomination?
Yes. All nominees in each category will receive a formal letter of recognition for their nomination from the awards selection committee.

categories

Nominations will be accepted and awards will be given in the following three categories:

1. Direct caregivers or frontline staff whose passion for patient safety has resulted in successful implementation of unit- or system-wide changes that promote patient safety and quality improvement at the bedside.

2. Health care executives or leaders who are not direct caregivers, but whose vision, guidance and support have played a critical role in improving quality and patient safety.

3. Individuals who have actively promoted improvement in the quality and safety of patient care in South Carolina from outside the health care delivery system and who have been dedicated advocates for patient safety at the community and/or state level.

4. Students who have shown notable leadership, commitment, and innovation in the cause of patient safety and health care quality in South Carolina.

additional materials

• Please submit a narrative of no more than two typed pages describing the nominee’s specific contributions to patient safety in South Carolina and reasons for consideration of the selected category. What is the person’s particular area of emphasis or passion? What innovative ideas, leadership characteristics, and/or areas of clinical performance were instrumental in improving the quality and safety of patient care? Is there documented evidence of this person’s positive impact on patient safety?

submissions

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