

Seven cutting-edge approaches, aimed at improving population health, individual experience, and controlling the total cost of care, received HealthPartners' second annual Innovations in Health Care Award.

The Innovation awards, presented at HealthPartners' annual Partners In Excellence dinner, recognized eighteen groups overall, representing all levels of the health delivery system that made transformational changes. Full details on all the innovations winners will be available soon on **HealthPartners.com**

**Allina Medical Clinic** *Enhanced E-prescribing: Embedding Formulary and Dispensing Information in the Physician's Workflow*

Enhanced E-prescribing within the EMR system informs practitioners of preferred medication, step-therapy, and prior approval requirements as well as transmitting prescription and refill information. Complete medication records are available in the EMR from the pharmacy benefits management record integration

**Edina Family Physicians** *A Collaborative Approach to Support Health Information Exchange*

Created a health care information data exchange with a large metro-based health care system. The data exchanged includes reports from lab, radiology, specialty consultations and billing information which are securely transferred directly into the clinic's electronic health record.

**Emergency Physicians Professional Association** *Head CT in the Emergency Department: Improving Our Performance*

Using the existing NEXUS-II decision rules, a retrospective review of 1,300 Head CT cases lead to an enhancement of the decision tool by adding a ninth variable. The revised tool increases positive case sensitivity from 92% to 97%.

**HealthEast Care System** *HealthEast Care Navigation Strategy*

Implemented a "transition coach" program focused on the two-week period following discharge to home. Through hospital, home, and phone visits, nurses provide coaching to assist patients with managing medications, follow-up appointments, and identification of warning signs and symptoms

**Park Nicollet Clinic** *Acute Low Back Pain Protocol*

Patients meeting criteria have direct access to physical therapy under a newly developed acute low back pain protocol. Patients receive physical therapy and a home exercise program to promote mobility and stabilization.

**Regions Hospital** *Time-Out Towel*

A white towel with the word "Time-Out" inscribed on it is placed over the surgical instruments before surgery and not removed until after a time-out has been called and completed. The pre-surgical time-out stops all action to heighten "team focus" on the patient and the procedure.

**Stillwater Medical Group** *Shared Informed Decision Making with Prostate Cancer and Breast Cancer Patients*

Integrated a shared decision making process into the breast cancer program followed by the prostate cancer program. Patients receive a decision aid that inform them of their options and involves them in the treatment process.

**AALFA Family Clinic** *Medical Health Care Home*

**Apple Valley Medial Clinic** *Improved Management Diabetic Patients*

**Allina Medical Clinic** *Diabetes Care CPR: Coaching for Physicians and Their Teams using RN Certified Diabetes Educators*

**Fairview Southdale Hospital** *Managing Length of Stay Using a Standardized Process and a Visual Control Tool*

**Family Health Services Minnesota** *Safety Improvement Initiative: Safety Icon – System Wide Reporting*

**Hennepin Faculty Associates/Hennepin County Medical Center** *Screening Ambulatory Primary Care Patients Age 65 and Older for Future Fall Risk*

**Noran Neurological Clinic PA** *Secure Online Communication Tool*

**North Memorial** *Anti-Coagulation Therapy Management*

**NovaCare Rehabilitation** *Provider-based Prospective and Concurrent Peer-to-Peer Utilization Management*

**Regions Hospital Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Department** *Run Injury Free*

**St. Croix Orthopaedics, P.A.** *How Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) and Visual Analog Scale (VAS) help Physicians Understand and Support Spine Patients*

**Therapy Partners, Inc.** *Use of FOTO (Focus On Therapeutic Outcomes™) to Improve Patient Functional Outcomes*

**Western Wisconsin Medical Association** *Incorporating Care Coordination into Primary Care Clinics*