



Intermountain Healthcare Honored By Patient Safety Movement Foundation

Recognized as one of three institutions nationally that demonstrated the most lives saved

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA, August 6, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Patient Safety Movement Foundation has announced its top three healthcare institutions that demonstrated the most lives potentially saved by eliminating preventable deaths. [Intermountain Healthcare](#) was recognized for its success in reducing adverse drug events. Also honored were the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the California-based Hospital Quality Institute.

“Intermountain Healthcare has worked hard for many years implementing strict standards and best practices in patient care, and we are honored to be recognized for our patient safety efforts,” says Robin Betts, assistant vice president of Quality and Patient Safety. “We appreciate this recognition of all the frontline staff and physicians that really make the difference.”

The Patient Safety Movement Foundation – supported by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter – was established to reduce the number of preventable deaths to zero by 2020. The Foundation works with patients, healthcare providers, medical technology companies, government, employers, and private payers to address the problems and solutions of patient safety.

“We are very proud of Hospital Quality Institute, Intermountain Healthcare, and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center,” stated Joe Kiani, founder of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation. “We have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the way in eradicating preventable deaths. Every one of the 400 hospitals that entered this competition is a winner, especially their patients.”

Intermountain was recognized for helping to reduce harm to 322 lives by reducing adverse drug events (ADEs). An adverse drug event typically occurs when a patient has an unexpected reaction to a medication. Intermountain’s goal was to reduce ADEs by seven percent, but through vigilant monitoring and strict compliance with standardized procedures, it exceeded that goal, reducing ADEs by 10 percent in 2014 and 2015.

“While we accept this honor, we also realize we have more work to do,” says Betts. “We appreciate the support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation that pulls together industry stakeholders so that all of us, through collaboration, can make healthcare safer for everyone.”

Intermountain Healthcare is a Utah-based, not-for-profit system of 22 hospitals, 185 clinics, a Medical Group with some 1,400 employed physicians, a health plans division called SelectHealth, and other health services. Helping people live the healthiest lives possible, Intermountain is widely recognized as a leader in clinical quality improvement and in efficient healthcare delivery.

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