

Stories of Success!

Leveraging HIT, Improving Quality & Safety
Call for Case Studies



HIMSS and co-sponsors American Society for Quality (ASQ), National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) are actively seeking **real-world success stories** - *Submit Stories of Success by March 16, 2012!*

This is a program for showcasing outstanding accomplishments in the adoption and use of health IT to fulfill national priorities recommended by the National Priorities Partnership ("NPP") and The Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goals ("NPSG").

How to Apply:

We are looking for real-world, case studies!

To get started, fill out the questions on the Case Study Application Form at www.himss.org/storiesofsuccess by Monday, March 16, 2012. In addition, we also require that you follow a submission format and protocol:

- State the specific National Patient Safety Goal or national priority of the National Priorities Partnership being fulfilled through health IT (required) (*Reference the NPP Goals and The Joint Commission's NPS Goals in preparation for your submission*)
- Complete all criteria of **the SQUIRE application form - narrative backed by rich data metrics substantiating the described processes, improvements, and outcomes.** (required)
- Vendors may not submit *Stories of Success* but can provide application assistance
- Case studies must be **real-world** examples and personal stories

Each submission will be peer-reviewed by subject matter experts in the field of quality and health IT including representatives from the National Quality Forum, The Joint Commission, and the National Committee for Quality Assurance. Submissions become the property of HIMSS and ASQ and a signed release form is required before publication or educational usage.

If selected, your *Story of Success!* will be featured on the HIMSS website, ASQ website, and within other educational venues.

"Our institution and the committed professionals we have take great pride in the recognition for their work, and are always looking for ways to improve based on the innovations shared from others. It is a more connected world today. We all teach, we all learn. Stories of success helps this exchange. HIMSS enables collaboration, from which we get equal benefit from sharing our success and learning from the success of others."

Robert (Bob) Murphy, MD
Chief Medical Informatics Officer
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Prepare for your submission by reviewing the National Priorities Partnership Goals and National Patient Safety Goals listed below.

National Priorities Partnership (NPP) Goals

Convened by the National Quality Forum in 2008, NPP's goals are designed to transform the nation's healthcare system ensuring all Americans have access to safe and affordable healthcare. The six national priorities include:

- Engage patients and families in managing health and making decisions about care
- Improve the safety of America's healthcare system
- Ensure patients received well-coordinated care across all providers, settings and levels of care
- Guarantee appropriate and compassionate care for patient with life-limiting illnesses
- Eliminate waste while ensuring the delivery of appropriate care
- Improve the health of the population
- Equitable access
- Infrastructure supports

The Joint Commission National Patient Safety (NPSG) Goals*

Established by the Joint Commission in 2003 the National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG) program was designed to help accredited organizations address specific areas of concern in regards to patient safety. The 2011 Hospital and Ambulatory National Patient Safety Goals are as follows:

2012 Hospital National Patient Safety Goals

- Identify patients correctly
- Improve staff communication
- Use medicines safely
- Prevent infection
- Check patient medicines
- Identify patient safety risks
- Prevent wrong person, site, or type procedures

2012 Ambulatory National Patient Safety Goals

- Identify patients correctly
- Use medicines safely
- Prevent infection
- Check patient medicines

Submissions and questions should be directed to Pat Johnson, pjohnson@himss.org. For more information, visit www.himss.org/storiesofsuccess/ or www.asq.org/healthcare-use/why-quality/stories-of-success.html.

Innovations in healthcare information technology are enabling safer, higher quality care. The HIMSS/ASQ Stories of Success program is a superb vehicle for sharing our wins and allowing others to quickly adopt them."

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*In addition to the 2011 Hospital and Ambulatory NPSG goals, submission can be submitted that address the 2010 and 2011 Hospital and Ambulatory NPSG goals.