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Dear PADONA Members,

I anticipate each of you endured the recent snow storm without too many difficulties. It is always a challenge to care for the residents when your staff has complications getting to work. I sincerely applaud you for your efforts. Just keep thinking spring and PADONA's annual rite of spring, our convention, at the beautiful Hotel Hershey. I am looking forward to seeing so many of you once again, and what a pleasant venue to renew friendships.

We have been busy preparing for convention. Remember there is still time to register for convention where you can not only acquire 18.0 CE contact hours but renew friendships with your colleagues and indulge yourself for a couple of days at the luxurious Hotel Hershey. If you are wanting to make hotel reservations, please call the Hotel Hershey directly at 717-533-2171 and be sure to tell the reservation personnel you will be attending the PADONA conference. Our off-property hotel will once again be the Lodge. We will be providing shuttle service between the lodge and the hotel for your convenience. The best way to start your convention activities is the delectable ice cream social sponsored by Complete Healthcare Resources on Tuesday evening in the Fountain Lobby from 7:00 – 10:00 PM.

Last year the scholarship committee was able to raise more than two thousand dollars at the convention with the raffle of all those extraordinary donated gift baskets from so many of you. Due to the overwhelming success we will again have the gift basket raffle. If you are able and are interested in donating a basket, please contact me so we may plan for adequate display space.

As always, remember PADONA is your professional organization. If there is anything we can do to assist you, please contact me either via phone (610-847-5396) or email (spiscator@padona.com). Have a good day and think spring!!

Chair, Board of Directors / Executive Director PADONA

Still Time: Sign Up Today for the PADONA 30th Annual Convention in Hershey April 4 - 6

[Registration Form](#)

[Convention Schedule](#)

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[PMDA Pre-Convention Lecture Invitation](#)



Pennsylvania Patient Safety Contest Expands - Recognizing Healthcare Workers in a Variety of Patient Safety Categories

Provided by PA Patient Safety Authority

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 8, 2018 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority's annual "I Am Patient Safety" contest reveals the exemplary patient safety efforts of Pennsylvania healthcare workers.

This year's contest expanded its outreach; specifically attracting nominations from long-term care and ambulatory surgical facilities. The contest added [nine nomination categories](#) and patients, with facility permission, had the opportunity to nominate healthcare workers who they felt deserved recognition.

Nominations from this year's contest told [stories](#) of patient-centered care, process improvement initiatives, innovative solutions to current patient safety challenges, and extraordinary measures to keep harm from reaching patients.

"I Am Patient Safety is our way of reminding healthcare workers that they *are* making a difference; some through their daily job functions, others from going the extra mile, and others from thinking outside the box. Their efforts support the Authority's mission of safe healthcare for all patients," said the Authority's executive director, Regina Hoffman.

In its fifth year, "I Am Patient Safety" recognizes and celebrates [10 individuals or teams](#) selected from 206 nominations.

The Authority publicly recognizes each winner leading up to [Patient Safety Awareness Week 2018](#) (March 11-17) through a robust [social media campaign](#) and formal award ceremony at the Authority's inaugural [Pennsylvania Patient Safety Summit \(P2S2\)](#), scheduled for April 5, 2018.

"The contest's growth indicates that people are proud of their work regarding patient safety. These individuals deserve to be recognized," said Hoffman. "The real reward is that the information, education, and strategies for safe patient care are being applied to truly make patients safer."

For more information about the Authority, patient safety topics, *Advisory* articles, and safety tips for patients, please visit patientsafety.pa.gov.

The Authority's mission is to improve the quality of healthcare in Pennsylvania by collecting and analyzing patient safety information, developing solutions to patient safety issues, and sharing this information through education and collaboration. Its **vision** is safe healthcare for all patients.



RESOURCE Algorithm for Fall Risk Screening, Assessment, and Intervention

By Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

As a healthcare provider, you are already aware that falls are a serious threat to the health and well-being of your older patients. More than one out of four people 65 and older falls each year, and over 3 million are treated in emergency departments annually for fall injuries. The CDC's STEADI initiative offers a coordinated approach to implementing the American and British Geriatrics Societies' clinical practice guideline for fall prevention. STEADI consists of three core elements: Screen, Assess, and Intervene to reduce fall risk. The STEADI Algorithm for Fall Risk Screening, Assessment and Intervention outlines how to implement these three elements.

- Additional tools and resources include:
- Information about falls
- Case studies
- Conversation starters
- Screening tools
- Standardized gait and balance assessment tests (with instructional videos)
- Educational materials for providers, patients, and caregivers
- Online continuing education
- Information on medications linked to falls
- Clinical decision support for electronic health record systems

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Calendar Updates

- March 22 - [Long-Term Care Infection Prevention Symposia](#)
- April 3 - PADONA Board Meeting
- April 4 to 6 - [PADONA Convention](#)
- June 22 - PADONA Board Meeting
- September 28 - PADONA Board Meeting
- December 7 - PADONA Board Meeting



News Updates

- [WOCN 50th Annual Conference](#)
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Employment Opportunities

- DON - Johnstown
- DON - Delaware County
- Vice President of Nursing Services - Whitehall Township
- Nurse - Westminster Pharmacy Services
- RNAC - Harrisburg
- DON - Grove City
- DON - Bethlehem



Welcome New Members

- Debbie Braddock - Beaver Healthcare & Rehab - Area I
- Jennifer Brooks - Centre Crest Nursing Home - Area II
- Melissa Carado-Hook - Premier at Susquehanna - Area II
- Grace Carter - The Gardens at Wyoming Valley - Area III
- Lauren Dieter - Albright Care Services - Area II
- Amy Durben - Priority Healthcare Group - Area III
- Lisa Fitzgerald - Cross Keys Village - Area II
- Beth Goodballet - Priority Healthcare Group - Area II
- Curtis Hammond - Saunders House - Area III
- Valerie Hatt - Fairmount Homes - Area II
- Pammi Henry - Gardens at Campbelltown - Area II
- Sarah Hood - Caring Heart Rehab & Nsg Ctr - Area III
- Fran Hughes - Catholic Health Group - Area III
- Amanda Hurst - - Area I
- Susan Jaskiewicz - Saint Mary's Home of Erie - Area I
- Robin Jewett - Holy Family Manor - Area III
- Janet Kepnach - The Gardens @ Stroud - Area III
- Jenifer Krause - Fox Subacute - Area II
- Tamela Lardarello - Gardens of Gettysburg - Area II
- Katie Maxey - Freedom Village Brandywine - Area III
- Jennifer McClain - The Gardens at Tunkhannock - Area III
- Travis Millinder - Hillview Healthcare & Rehab Center - Area II
- Lisa Paraschak - Priority Health Care Group - Area III
- Erin Passaretti - Shenandoah Senior Living Community - Area III
- Lisa Prentiss - Sena Kean Manor - Area I
- Leonard Quimby - Beaver Healthcare & Rehab - Area I
- Taylor Schmoyer - Health Network Laboratories - Area III
- Manuella Sue Sprague - Colonial Manor - Area II
- Heather Taylor - York Terrace - Area III
- Heather Weiss - St. Anne's Retirement Comm - Area II