

The HARI *Perspective*



Making a Difference

Tomorrow concludes Patient Safety Awareness Week, led by the Patient Safety Foundation. Of course, patient safety is always top of mind for patients, families, clinicians, hospital staff and senior executives. HARI and its members have demonstrated this dedication through participation in several programs aimed at improving quality and patient safety. Our efforts are making a true impact on patient care. Highlights of the results include:

- The number of hospitals in our state penalized by the Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program was nearly cut in half from seven in 2016 to four in 2017. In addition, it is currently estimated only two hospitals in Rhode Island will face penalties in 2018.
- Our state will see a positive impact from the Value-Based Purchasing Program with more than \$600,000 in additional Medicare payments to seven hospitals in 2017. The amount is expected to more than double to \$1.3 million in 2018.
- Rhode Island continues to have the best rate in the country for 30-day mortality following a heart attack. We're third in the nation for complications following total hip or knee surgery. Our state is also in the top ten for 30-day mortality following pneumonia or heart failure.
- We're also improving on many measures. Our rankings for influenza vaccination (41st to 21st), early elective delivery (44th to 16th), surgical site infection for colon (47th to 33rd), surgical site infection for abdominal hysterectomy (49th to 21st), Methicillin-resistant staph infection (33rd to 14th), and the composite score – PSI 90 (38th to 10th) have all seen significant improvement.

Thank you to our hospital employees for their commitment to Rhode Island patients. Your hard work and determination is making a difference.