



## Abstract Submission

- Applicants are required to submit an abstract that describes their medication safety initiative. These abstracts will be reviewed by external expert reviewers.
- Based on the abstract review process, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application for the award.



## Abstract Instructions

- A concise description of your institutions' medication safety initiative should be provided in the abstract. This description must not exceed 750 words. Adequate information should be provided to enable reviewers to assess the following, which should be included as section headings:
  - Medication-Use System Initiative Scope
  - Pharmacist Leadership
  - Planning and Implementation
  - Measurable Outcomes and Impact
  - Innovation and Generalizability



## Full Application Submission

- Organizations will be contacted by the ASHP Foundation via email to provide a complete application and program narrative. Applicants will be notified of the status of their abstract submission no later than **March 9, 2012**. Only the top-ranked applicants will be asked to submit a full application and program narrative. The full applications will be due by **Friday, April 27, 2012**.



## Initiative Description

1. Abstract
2. Medication-Use System Initiative Scope
3. Pharmacist Leadership
4. Planning and Implementation
5. Measurable Outcomes and Impact
6. Innovation and Generalizability



### Selection Criteria

#### Medication-Use System Initiative Scope (15 points)

- Was the underlying medication safety problem or challenge quantifiable with reliable baseline data?
- Do the baseline data provide significant and compelling evidence of a medication safety problem or challenge that required performance improvement?
- Is the scope of the medication safety improvement initiative hospital/system-wide and broad in nature?
- Does the medication safety improvement initiative encompass multiple components of the medication-use system?
- Was the approach for ensuring interdisciplinary teamwork and cooperation innovative and effective?



### Selection Criteria

#### Pharmacist Leadership (15 points)

- Is there evidence of the pharmacist's role in identification of the underlying medication safety problem?
- Is there evidence that a pharmacist led the implementation of the medication safety improvement initiative?
- Is there evidence of the pharmacist's role in analyzing outcome data, communicating results and assessing institutional impact?



**Selection Criteria****Planning and Implementation (10 points)**

- Was the medication safety improvement initiative implemented by an interdisciplinary team?
- Was the medication safety improvement initiative well-designed and based on comprehensive plans and timetables?
- Were the goals and objectives of the medication safety improvement initiative defined in advance of planning and implementation? Were reliable measures to determine success with the objectives developed in advance of planning and implementation?
- Is there evidence that during planning a process was developed to identify continuously barriers to implementation and respond to those barriers?
- Did the implementation plan include processes for communicating with and educating staff about the implementation of the medication safety improvement initiative?

**Selection Criteria****Measurable Outcomes and Impact (35 points)**

- Are data available that demonstrate a positive impact on the medication safety problem or challenge that required performance improvement? Do these data address patient-centered safety, therapeutic, humanistic and/or economic outcomes? Do the data show evidence of reductions in morbidity, mortality, preventable adverse drug events, inpatients' lengths of stay, hospital readmissions, emergency department visits and/or overall costs of care?
- Is there evidence that interim outcome data and other feedback were analyzed to determine a need for adjustments in the implementation plan, if applicable?
- Have the results of the project been communicated and utilized within the institution to enhance medication safety in other areas?

**Selection Criteria****Innovation and Generalizability (25 points)**

- Is the medication safety improvement initiative innovative?
- Is there evidence that the medication safety improvement initiative can be sustained in the institution over the long term?
- Can the components of the medication safety improvement initiative be adopted in other hospitals or health-systems?
- Have the results of the initiative been communicated to other health professionals and healthcare organizations via professional networks, professional meeting presentations and publication in the biomedical literature? If no, are there plans to do so?
- Did the initiative demonstrate an innovative approach to use of resources (i.e., dollars, staff time, techniques, and tools)?

**Abstract Submission Instructions**

- Deadline: February 3, 2012
- Email application as one PDF to [foundation@ashp.org](mailto:foundation@ashp.org) and
- Paper submission – 1 copy

Applicants should receive a receipt confirmation email from the ASHP Foundation within five (5) business days of application submission delivery date.

**Site Visits**

Site visits will be scheduled for the hospitals/health systems that are selected as finalists. Each finalist will be required to coordinate a one-day visit for an award selection panel that will allow for interaction with key members of the team who were instrumental to the development, implementation and maintenance of the medication safety improvement program. Additional documentation may be requested prior or during the site visit.

**Time Line**

Abstract deadline	February 3, 2012
Abstract review	February 2012
Applicants notified on application status	March 9, 2012
Full application deadline	April 27, 2012
Application review	April – May, 2012
Review conference call	June 2012
Site visits	July 2012
Recipient and Finalist Selection	August 2012
Finalist Video Shoot	Late September 2012
Award Presentation	December 2 and 3, 2012
Radio Media Tour	Early March 2013
Summer Meeting Presentation	Early June 2013



## Additional Questions

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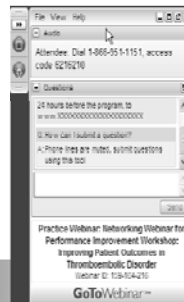
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