



Patient Safety

In Physician Offices & Healthcare Clinics

The Safety Star Award is now open to physician offices and healthcare clinics! For project criteria, [please read the entire overview.](#)

WHAT IS SAFETY STAR?

Each year, LHA Trust Funds presents three outstanding healthcare facilities with the Safety Star Award. In 2021, we are expanding that recognition to physician's offices and healthcare clinics!

The Safety Star Award is now designed to recognize a physician's office practice or healthcare clinic that has successfully implemented an idea or process that has improved patient safety. LHA Trust Funds wants to acknowledge members of the Physician's Trust who are committed to quality and safety by developing innovative ideas that improve patient safety within their practice.

WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

Safety Star Award winners receive

- \$10,000 cash award
- Recognition by LHA Trust Funds on our website.

Your organization must be a member of the Physician's Trust to apply.

2021 CALL FOR ENTRIES

October 29 - Final Deadline

December 1 - Announce Winners

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a member of the PT.
- Application submitted by the deadline.
- The project must be a specific risk reduction initiative with the goal of minimizing risks related to patient safety.
- Project or initiative must have been conducted and completed between **January 2020 - March 2021.**
- Project or initiative achieved positive outcomes. Data/information supporting a successful project must be submitted.



<https://bit.ly/safetystar2021>



MALPRACTICE



GENERAL LIABILITY



WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SAFETY STAR AWARD PROJECT CRITERIA

Your project initiative must be related to patient safety. The organization must be able to submit information to support improvement in patient safety.

Examples of the types of projects you should consider including but are not limited to:

- **Technological improvements or the use of technology**, clinical/quality patient care improvements related to patient safety such as using UV light to clean room, implementation of telehealth, communication systems, patient access to medical records, etc.
- **Any systematic change or improvement in processes** that has reduced the risk of harm to patients or improved performance, quality or efficiencies such as patient identification, medication administration, patient flow, or follow-up of test results, etc.
- **Any initiative that improves the quality of patient care** and reduces harm related to the safety of patients.

ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

The Louisiana Hospital Association Physician's Trust Safety Star Award recognizes a physician's office/healthcare clinic that has successfully implemented an idea or process that has improved patient safety.

Your project is required to have either data from quantifiable measurable outcomes or other supporting information demonstrating that an improvement resulted from the interventions taken to address the identified problem.

The types of projects that should be considered for nomination include those that have resulted in reduced errors, reduced risks to patient safety, performance improvement, or improvements in quality of care related to patient safety. Some examples of projects might include improvement in patient identification processes, improvement in communication systems, improvement in the follow-up of critical tests, etc.

NOMINATION PROCESS

This is a self-nomination process. A successful submission will identify the objective and goals of the project and document the related outcomes. To be considered for an award, organizations should complete the related application form. In completing the application, special attention should be paid to addressing each component requested. A copy of the fillable PDF application form is located on our website: www.lhatrustfunds.com.

All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by LHA Trust Funds in accordance with the Qualification Criteria. To qualify for the award, applications must meet all the criteria listed in the Qualification Criteria, including a project conducted and completed between **January 2020 - March 2021**. Applications that do not meet all criteria will be rejected and not scored.

All applications that meet the Qualification Criteria will be de-identified and scored by an independent reviewer using a competitive scoring process and related score sheets that speak to the criteria below:

- Problem (project) identification
- Goals
- Project Strategy
- Project Design & Implementation
- Results
- Goal Achievement



EXCLUSIONS

Awards will not be given for:

- Submissions directly related to employee safety improvements.
- Projects that have been completed **before January 2020**.
- Projects that cannot demonstrate positive measurable outcomes over time using internal data.