



National Association of Long Term Hospitals
Goldberg Innovation Award
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Award

The Goldberg Innovation Award shall be given in recognition of an innovative process or technology that supports long term acute care hospitals. Please see each year's Call for Submissions for specific entry criteria.

Eligibility

All employees and professional staff associated with NALTH member facilities in good standing are eligible to submit entries.

Criteria

The overarching principle in the review process is innovation. The following criteria will be used to assess the completeness of each award submission and how fully each award submission meets the expected qualities of an innovation. You may find it helpful to refer to these criteria when preparing your submission.

1. Identify an innovative process or technology that was undertaken by your facility with exceptional results.
2. The process or technology is considered innovative if it is not commonly found in LTAC hospital operations. It could be a system or process or technology commonly used in a different level of care or different industry but is not common in LTACs.
3. The submission could benefit quality of patient care and/or operational efficiencies.
4. The submission clearly describes the innovation implemented.
5. The measurement indicators are clearly defined and are appropriate for this type of program or process – and the measurement indicators demonstrate that the innovation was successful and yielded the desired result.
6. The financial indicators are clearly defined and are appropriate for this type of program or process – and the financial indicators demonstrate that the innovation was successful and yielded the desired financial result. If the innovation generated a net cost (rather than savings), then the net cost was acceptable to the facility given other favorable results of the innovation.
7. Resources required to implement the innovation were such that other hospitals would be able to duplicate the innovation.
8. The submission clearly describes how this innovation provides value under Prospective Payment System (PPS).

Submission Format & Guidelines

All submissions must adhere to the following guidelines or they will not be accepted. Submissions must be single-spaced, left justified, using 12 point font size with 1" margins in the following format:

Description of the Program or Process

Include a clear and concise description of the innovative process or technology that you implemented. Describe the setting specifically and include the rationale for pursuing the innovation. The process or technology is considered innovative if it is not commonly found in LTAC hospital operations. It could be a system or process or technology commonly used in a different level of care or different industry but is not common in LTACs.

Uniqueness

Describe why the program or technology is so unique and why it should be considered to be an innovation.

Measurement Indicators

What criteria did you use to measure the effectiveness of your innovation? Clearly define what is included in the measurement. Clearly state **pre** and **post** innovation measurements.

Financial Impact

Include financial impacts of the innovation. What was the cost of implementation as well as the cost/benefits following the implementation? This would include the cost of any new equipment or technology, the training of staff, etc.

Lessons Learned

Include in this section what your facility learned from the process. Highlight any suggestions or future initiatives you may make following this experience.

Guidelines:

1. Submission may not be more than three 8 ½ x 11” text pages excluding the Submission Form. Graphs and Charts depicting data are highly encouraged and will not be counted.
2. No information may be included in the text submission or charts/graphs that identify the facility or members of the team. **Avoid facility names, location or specific names in the body of the submission.** These can only be identified on the Submission Form.
3. All complete submissions will be reviewed by a panel that has no facility affiliation with the submissions.
4. Award recipients **MUST** present during the Goldberg Award Session held in conjunction with the NALTH Annual Meeting. Two presenters will receive complimentary meeting registration.
5. Please consider putting copyright on your submission for your protection. If you have questions about copyright, please contact NALTH.

See Call for Submission for entry deadline.

Questions? Please contact NALTH at GoldbergAward@nalth.org or 860-586-7579

NALTH - **National Association of Long Term Hospitals** - is the premier association representing long term acute care hospitals and associated professional staff committed to advancing the health, well-being and quality of care for medically complex patients who require prolonged hospital stay and specialized care programs to achieve medical stability and maximum function.



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