SafeCare magazine Person of the Year is an annual issue of SafeCare magazine that recognizes the individual who has contributed significantly toward improving patient safety and healthcare quality across the globe. The designation is based upon the three goals set forth by The SafeCare Group:

2. Tangible and quantifiable steps taken toward addressing the current challenges and future perspectives of patient safety, quality, and efficiency of care.
3. Leadership toward advancing patient safety, quality, and efficiency of care within the healthcare sector, the general public, regulatory, and governmental domains.

Eligible individuals included any person (medical or nonmedical) who has satisfied the above listed criteria by demonstrating exceptional achievement in certain areas. These areas included:

1. Innovative technologies
2. Novel protocols and procedures that improve processes, outcomes, and efficiency of care.
3. Smart outreach such as commercial media, legislation, scientific papers, patents
4. Paten advocacy and patient voice

There was no submission cost for the nomination. Final selection will be completed by The SafeCare Group board of advisors, and the notification of the outcome will be conducted through SafeCare magazine. SafeCare magazine has exclusive rights toward an interview and materials submitted becomes the property of The SafeCare Group.

This year’s nominees for outstanding contributions to patient safety, quality, and efficiency of care around the globe:

- Ramadan Al Blooshi, MD, MBA
  Managing Director, Dubai Healthcare City Authority - Regulatory
- Alia Alwan, MD
  WHO Regional Office, Eastern Mediterranean Region, Egypt
- James P. Bagian, MD
  University of Michigan; Director, Center for Healthcare Engineering
- David Ballard, MD, MSHP, PHD
  Chief Quality Officer, Baylor Scott & White Health
- David W. Bates, MD, MSc
  Chief Innovation Officer, Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Maureen Bisognano, MS
  President and CEO, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)
- Pascale Carayon, PhD
  Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison College
- Bala S. Chandrasekhar, MD, MMM, Chief Medical Officer, Methodist Hospital of Southern California
- Mark R. Chassin, MD, MPP, MPH, President, The Joint Commission
- Amy Chiu, MD
  Asst Director, Department of Health, Hong Kong
- Michael Cohen, RPh, MS, Sc.D
  President, Institute for Safe Medication Practices
- John R. Combes, MD
  President/OO, Center for Healthcare Governance
- Patrick Conway, MD, MSc
  Deputy Administrator, Innovation and Quality & CMS Chief Medical Officer
- Philip Crossley
  Director, Quality and Patient Safety, HSE
- Jayant K. Deshpande, MD, MPH
  SVP/Chief Medical Officer, Harvey and Bernice Jones Endowed Chair in Pediatrics, Univ. of AR
- Cynthia Deyling, MD
  Chief Quality Officer, Cleveland Clinic Health System: Quality and Patient Safety Institute
- Sir Liam Donaldson, MSc, MD
  Chancellor of Newcastle University, Founding Chair of the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety (UK)
- Yehuda Dror, MSc, MBA
  President and CEO, Det Norske Veritas Healthcare
- Victor Dzu, MD
  President, Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences
- Lee Chien Earn, MD
  Senior Director, Healthcare Performance Group, Ministry of Health, Singapore
- Samer Ellahham MD
  Chief Quality Officer, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
- Linda L. Emanuel, MD, PhD
  Director, Rush University Center on Aging, Health & Society - Institute for Public Health and Medicine
- Thomas R. Frieden, MPH, MD
  Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Tejal Gandhi, MD, MPH
  President and CEO, National Patient Safety Foundation
- Terhilda Garrido, MPH
  VP, Health Information Technology Transformation & Analytics, Kaiser Permanente
- Atd Gawande, MD, MPH
  Surgeon, writer, and public health researcher
- Stephanie Garbar, MD, MS
  Scientist in Charge, Coordination of SATURN and the supervision of WP3
- Omar Hasan, MBBS, MPH, MS
  VP, Improving Health Outcomes, American Medical Association
- Gary S. Kaplan, MD
  Chairman and CEO, Virginia Mason Health System
- Tawfik Khoja, MD
  Executive Director, Health Ministers Council for the Gulf Cooperation, Saudi Arabia
- Joe Kami, MSEE
  Founder and CEO, Masimo Corp
- Niek Klaazinga, MD
  Health Care Quality Indicator Project, OECD Health Division, The Netherlands
- Tsu Leung Lee, MD
  Chief Manager Q&S Division, Hospital Authority Head Office, Hong Kong
- Wui-Chang Lee, PhD
  Director General of the Bureau of Medical Affairs, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan
- Beth Lilja, MD
  Executive Director, Danish Society for Patient Safety, Denmark
- Anne Karin Lindahl, MD, MHA
  Executive Director at the Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services (Norway)
- Martin A. Makary, MD, MPH
  Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- M. Rashad Massoud, MD, MPH
  SVP, Quality and Institute for Healthcare Improvement
- Ross McL Wilson, MD
  SVP and CMO, The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation
- Andre C. Medici
  Senior Health Economist, Social Programs Division, Inter-American Development Bank, Latin America
- Nienke Molibson-Etuk, MD, MPH, MIA
  Executive Director of African Operations, Institute for Healthcare Improvement
- William B. Munier, MD
  Director, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ
- Donna Murnaghan, PhD
  Dean of Nursing Thompson Rivers University Kamloops BC
- Margaret Murphy
  Member, Steering Committee of the Patients for Patient Safety strand of the WHO
- Maragret O’Kane, MHA
  President, National Committee for Quality Assurance
- Deborah Picono, AM
  CEO, Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care
Didier Pittet, MD, MS
Director, Infection Control Programme, Geneva’s University Hospitals, Switzerland

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Member, National Academy of Medicine, Argentina

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President and CEO, The SafeCare Group

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Founder and Director of the Genomic Research Lab, Geneva University Hospital (Switzerland)

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Gail L. Warden
President Emeritus, Henry Ford Health System

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Michael Wong, JD
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