



SafeCare Person of the Year

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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:

1. Commitment to improving patient safety, quality and efficiency of healthcare in the US and internationally.
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 efficacy of care
3. Smart outreach such as commercial media, legislation, scientific papers, patents
4. Patient 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

Ala Alwan, MD
WHO Regional Office, Eastern Mediterranean Region, Egypt

James P. Bagian, MD
University of Michigan; Director, Center for Healthcare Engineering

David Ballard, MD, MSPH, 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/COO, Center for Healthcare Governance

Patrick Conway, MD, MSc
Deputy Administrator, Innovation and Quality & CMS Chief Medical Officer

Philip Crowley
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, MSE, MBA
President and CEO, Det Norske Veritas Healthcare

Victor Dzau, 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, Buehler 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

Atul Gawande, MD, MPH
Surgeon, writer, and public health researcher

Stephan Harbarth, 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 Kiani, MSEE
Founder and CEO, Masimo Corp

Niek Klazinga, MD
Health Care Quality Indicator Project, OECD Health Division, The Netherlands

Tsz Leung Lee, MD
Chief Manager Q&S Division, Hospital Authority Head Office, Hong Kong

Wui-Chiang 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

RossMcL 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

Nneka Mobisson-Etuk, MD, MPH, MBA
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

Debora Picone, AM
CEO, Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care

Didier Pittet, MD, MS
Director, Infection Control Programme, Geneva's University
Hospitals, Switzerland

Paul Pomerantz
CEO, American Society of Anesthesiologist

Peter J. Pronovost, MD, PhD
SVP for Patient Safety and Quality, Johns Hopkins University School
of Medicine

James L. Reinertsen, MD
CEO, The Reinertsen Group

Mirta Roses-Periago, MD
Member, National Academy of Medicine, Argentina

Yisrael M. Safeek, MD, MBA
President and CEO, The SafeCare Group

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

Kenneth I. Shine, MD
Special Advisor to the Chancellor, University of Texas System

Hardeep Singh, MD, MPH
Chief, Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety,
DeBakey VA Medical Center

Jacqui Stewart
CEO, Health Services Accreditation for Southern Africa (COHSASA)

Robert K. Stoelting, MD
President, Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation

Anuwat Supachutikul, MD
CEO, The Healthcare Accreditation Institute Thailand

Paul Tang, MD, MS
VP, Chief Innovation and Technology Officer, Palo Alto Medical
Foundation-Sutter Health

Robert Wachter, MD
Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Medicine at the
University of California, San Francisco

Gail L. Warden
President Emeritus, Henry Ford Health System

Jayne Wheway
Head of Patient Safety - Children, Young People and Maternity

Michael Wong, JD
President, Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety

Nellie Yeo, MN, MBA
VP, Quality and Medical Affairs, Parkway Hospitals Singapore

