Illinois Health and Hospital Association Hosts Inaugural Quality Improvement Showcase

*Highlights Illinois Hospitals’ Efforts Statewide to Enhance Care*

Springfield—Today, in the Illinois Capitol Rotunda, 50 Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) member hospitals, along with key partners, have on display quality improvement project posters, collectively showcasing the hospital community's contributions to advancing health and patient safety. The event, coined the Quality Improvement Showcase, is designed to visually demonstrate the important work being done by the healthcare community to transform the healthcare delivery system in Illinois while generating a dialogue with state legislators.

The project posters spotlight a wide variety of patient safety initiatives, including efforts to:

- Reduce avoidable readmissions;
- Increase access to symptom management, discussion of care goals and advance care planning for patients with life-limiting illnesses;
- Educate patients in managing their acute and chronic conditions;
- Reduce catheter-associated urinary tract infections in hospital patients;
- Increase patients' access to mental health services; and
- Reduce the amount of time taken to diagnose and treat patients with strokes.

“The Illinois Health and Hospital Association Quality Improvement Showcase provides a timely reminder of the life-saving work Illinois hospitals do daily and the critical role state government plays in ensuring that they have the resources to continue to provide high-quality care to all Illinoisans,” said IHA President and CEO A.J. Wilhelmi.

Yesterday, April 13, nearly 100 Illinois hospital executives, physicians, quality leaders and cross-continuum partners gathered in Springfield for IHA’s Quality Leadership Conference, *Learning in Motion: Improving Care Across the Continuum*, at the Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation, a cutting-edge simulation training center.

The Quality Leadership Conference focused on best practices from expert faculty and engaged healthcare leaders in simulation training sessions that provided a real-world opportunity to observe and employ evidence-based strategies to improve care across the continuum. Experiential learning tracks centered on behavioral health and palliative care services, two major areas of focus in the healthcare community today. Tejal Gandhi, MD, MPH, CPPS, president and CEO of the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF), was the keynote speaker.
“I’m tremendously proud of IHA’s role in bringing together nationally renowned experts and Illinois providers to not only educate our peers in healthcare, but also our lawmakers, on protecting our patients in every kind of care setting,” said IHA’s Chief Health Officer Jay Bhatt, DO, MPH, MPA. “The Illinois healthcare community is breaking the mold in delivering high-quality care. These events provide a wonderful opportunity to share the work we’ve done and build momentum for collaboration.”

Both the conference and the showcase build upon a slew of initiatives from IHA’s Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality focused on transforming the delivery of patient care. More detailed information on The Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality programs can be accessed on the IHA website at www.ihainstitute.org.

**Hospitals participating in the Quality Improvement Showcase include:**

- Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
- Advocate South Suburban Hospital
- Advocate Trinity Hospital
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital
- Carle Hoopston Regional Health Center
- CGH Medical Center
- Community First Medical Center
- Edward Hospital
- EMS Region IX Primary Stroke Centers and American Heart Association
- Fairfield Memorial Hospital
- Graham Hospital
- Greenville Regional Hospital
- Harrisburg Medical Center
- Hillsboro Area Hospital
- Hospital Sisters Health System
- HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital – Highland
- HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital, Breese
- Illinois POLST Task Force
- Jersey Community Hospital
- Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital
- La Rabida Children's Hospital
- McDonough District Hospital
- Memorial Health System
- Memorial Hospital, Chester
- Northwestern Medicine
- Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital
- Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital
- Northwestern Medicine Valley West Hospital
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- Norwegian American Hospital
- OSF HealthCare
- OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center
About IHA’s Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality
The Institute is a strategic center actively engaged in implementing evidence-based quality and safety initiatives while creating innovative member programs to measurably strengthen the quality of healthcare across Illinois. It aims to inform, empower and lead IHA members in advancing Illinois as a person-centered, national model for high-value healthcare.

About IHA
The Illinois Health and Hospital Association, with offices in Chicago, Naperville, Springfield and Washington, D.C., advocates for Illinois’ more than 200 hospitals and nearly 50 health systems as they serve their patients and communities. IHA members provide a broad range of services – not just within their walls, but across the continuum of healthcare and in their communities. Reflecting the diversity of the state, IHA members consist of nonprofit, investor-owned, and public hospitals in the following categories: community, safety net, rural, critical access, specialty, and teaching hospitals, including academic medical centers. For more information, see www.team-iha.org. Like IHA on Facebook. Follow IHA on Twitter.