

National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems is now America's Essential Hospitals.



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The Insider

Welcome to *The Insider*

Welcome to *The Insider* (formerly NAPH's *Safety Net Insider*), a weekly roundup of news about [America's Essential Hospitals](#), its members, and partners. *The Insider* also includes other articles important to hospitals and health systems that serve vulnerable patients.

America's Essential Hospitals News

NAPH announces transformation to 'America's Essential Hospitals'

At its Annual Conference last week, NAPH announced a new name: **America's Essential Hospitals**. The change reflects our mission to champion access to high-quality care for all patients and vital services, such as trauma care, for communities. "We and our members are united by a common purpose: to serve all people and all communities with essential services and the best care possible," President and CEO Bruce Siegel, MD, MPH, said in a [news release](#). "This is what defines us and the hospitals and health systems we represent." [Read more»](#)

2013 Gage Awards presented for achievements in quality, population health

America's Essential Hospitals, formerly NAPH, last week honored six hospitals and health systems with Gage Awards for their exceptional work to improve quality and population health. Hennepin County Medical Center, in Minneapolis, earned the top award for improving population health for its Coordinated Care Center. Grady Health System, in Atlanta, won the top award for improving quality with its program to reduce heart failure readmissions. A virtual guide to all the Gage Award winners and honorable mention recipients is [available online](#). [Read more»](#)

What's new with America's Essential Hospitals members

Two physicians at Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC) have been recognized in the Best Doctors 2013 issue of *New York* magazine. Also, The Ohio State University (OSU) Wexner Medical Center has been named as a Platinum Partner in the 2012-2013 Hospital Champions Program. [Read more»](#)

HHS accepting nominations for 2013 Partnership in Prevention Award

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has partnered with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America to recognize efforts to prevent health care-

associated infections. The 2013 Partnership in Prevention Award will highlight the work of a hospital that achieved sustainable improvements based on the concepts of the ["National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Roadmap to Elimination."](#) Nominations are being accepted through July 1. [Read more»](#)

[This Georgia hospital shows why rejecting Medicaid isn't easy](#)

The Washington Post

The Affordable Care Act was originally written such that every state would have to accept a Medicaid expansion. But the Supreme Court struck down that part of the law last year. The result is an unexpected bind for safety-net hospitals in states that are refusing Medicaid. How bad of a bind? Just look at the choices facing Atlanta's Grady Memorial Hospital. [Read more»](#)

[AHRQ publishes comparative effectiveness research on antipsychotics for adults](#)

A new clinician research summary from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality compares the evidence on the effectiveness of first-generation antipsychotics and second-generation antipsychotics for adults with schizophrenia, schizophrenia-related psychoses, or bipolar disorder. [Read more»](#)

More News of Note

[Emergency department EHRs 'particularly error prone'](#)

FierceEMR

Electronic health records provide many benefits, but also bring about "unintended consequences" of errors that can affect patient safety in the emergency department, according to a new article in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. [Read more»](#)

[USPTF issues recommendations on hepatitis C screening](#)

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)

In final recommendations delivered June 25 on hepatitis C screening, the USPSTF said all adults born between 1945 and 1965 and all others at risk of infection, such as intravenous drug users and pre-1992 transfusion recipients, should be screened for the virus. [Read more»](#)

[Most unscheduled hospital admissions come through emergency department](#)

FierceHealthcare

More than three-quarters (81.8 percent) of unscheduled admissions to the hospital now come through the emergency department (ED), a large increase from the last decade when only 64.5 percent of unscheduled admissions came through the ED, the American College of Emergency Physicians recently announced. [Read more»](#)

[Lessons of the great recession: how the safety net performed](#)

The New York Times

Jared Bernstein, a senior fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington and former chief economist to Vice President Joe Biden, writes, "there's solid evidence that key parts of the safety net performed well - probably better than you thought..." during the great recession. [Read more»](#)



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