



AMERICA'S ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS

Preliminary Review Guidance

Gage Awards Scoring

Dec. 16, 2014



KEY DATES

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SUBMISSION SUMMARY

- 56 projects received
- 19 in population health and 37 in quality
- Each coach will be assigned 18 or 19 submissions for review

FRAME OF REFERENCE

- To advance or promote projects that
 - » Encourage replication of quality improvement and population health projects
 - » Promote best practices and innovative programs
 - » Support our research, policy, and advocacy work

SCORING - CRITERIA

- Each coach will score their assigned submissions by answering “yes” or “no” to the following set of criteria:
 - » Were all application questions answered?
 - » Did the authors present a well thought out statement of the problem?
 - » Was data provided showing improvement over time?
 - » Did the conclusions follow the data?
 - » Does the project add value to the field and would it be of interest to our members?
 - » Would you recommend advancing this submission for review by the awards committee?
- Coaches will have the opportunity to add a brief note to explain their answer to the last question

GENERAL TIPS

- Strike a balance between being objective and your personal experience. You are an expert in your field and should use your experience.
- Put yourself in the shoes of our members, would you like to learn more about this project? Would you be interested in implementing it at your hospital or health system?
- Consider reading through the submissions quickly before you start scoring. This will give you a sense of what the collection of projects looks like and keeps you from starting with an artificially high or low score that becomes your benchmark for the subsequent proposals.
- Note if you begin to score proposals more quickly due to fatigue. If so, take a break and start again later.

COMMON PITFALLS

- Multitasking while reading and scoring the submissions
- Waiting until the last minute to score the submissions. Set interim deadlines for yourself such as scoring 3-5 projects a day.
- Judging the submission based on your quick reaction or examples that come to mind immediately. Take your time with each submission.
- Being tired, hungry, or in a strong mood (positive or negative) can impact your scores.

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